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Woman sheds hair to support mother

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Mary Ann Thomason of Grayling wears dog tags around her neck and a number of bracelets on her wrist showing support for the troops and other causes, but it's what she's not sporting now that's showing an ultimate sign of support for her mother.

Thomason had her hair cut and her head shaved at A Cut Above on Monday as a way to support her mother, Josephine Kerch, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last fall.

Kerch has just started undergoing chemotherapy treatments, and her hair is beginning to fall out. Thomason decided to make her hair disappear, too, so her mother did not feel all alone as she braves treatment and recovery.

"It's the least that I could do for her," Thomason said.

Corrine Christman, co-owner of A Cut Above, first used clippers, then shaved Thomason's head with a razor.

Christman, who said she has shaved the heads of military personnel, said she had butterflies before she cut Thomason's hair.

Christman gave Thomason a plant featuring spring bulbs for supporting her mother.

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Photos by Dan Sanderson

Mary Ann Thomason had her hair cut and her head shaved at A Cut Above on Monday as a way to support her mother, Josephine Kerch, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last fall. Above, Thomason is pictured with Corrine Christman, co-owner of A Cut Above, who cut her hair.

Voters will decide city charter changes

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

At the city election polls in November, Grayling residents will be voting on a half dozen ballot issues which will determine just how elections are run in the community.

City voters will be asked to approve proposed changes to the city charter when they go to the polls in November.

The city charter is similar to the federal and state constitution, and dictates what the city officials can and can not do as they conduct the business of the community.

"It just sets out the rules that government has to abide by," said Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe.

Grayling's city charter was adopted in 1935. Under state law, voters have to approve the charter and any amendments made to the document.

City officials for the last couple of years have been reviewing the charter, and portions of the document that have been superseded by state law or simply need to be updated will be put before voters this fall.

"It's a matter of coming into lock-step with the state of Michigan requirements," said Dave Sabin, the city attorney.

For example, the charter establishes the deadline and time

when nominating petitions are to be filed for city elections. Voters will be asked to approve changes to the deadline language that are no longer applicable.

Another change voters will be asked to approve includes replacing the word "he" with "the clerk" on who reviews nominating petitions for elections in order to make the charter language gender neutral.

The 71-year-old charter calls for an election to be the first Monday in April, when city elections are always held in November, so voters will be asked if that language can be removed from the document.

The current charter says that the city council can call for a special election. Voters will be asked for the approval to add that special elections will be held as allowed by state law.

The current charter also says that city council serves as the board of canvassers to examine election ballots. The county board of canvassers and city clerk canvass the votes, so state law regarding ballot review will be placed in the new charter.

Finally, the current charter says that the city clerk acts as the election commission, giving the office oversight of all duties and activities regarding elections.

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Weight room initiative gathers steam

Fund-raising for the weight room project at Grayling High School has received a boost from area residents, businesses and school alumni.

The project was initiated by community members to build a new weight room to help students at Grayling High School develop sound fitness habits to live a healthy lifestyle.

Some of the benefits of this project include providing a new and larger area for students in physical education classes, allowing the wrestling team to come home to practice and have meets at the high school, giving a larger practice area for spring sports teams and allowing the building trades classes to learn some lessons in commercial instruction by being able to work on parts of the project. The upgrade will also protect the new gym floor by providing an exit hallway from the gym instead of the doors being opened directly to the elements of northern Michigan.

The project will start this spring with many local businesses donating labor and materials.

Businesses that have committed to this project so far include the F. Fedak Corp., Jack Millikin, Inc., Tompkins Excavating, John-Al Construction, M & S Masonry, Kernstock Builders, Hal's Masonry, Primary Electric,

West Michigan Trane, Great Lakes Roofing, and Mayday Windows. The total of donations in materials and labor from these businesses is around \$120,000, which has enabled this project to become a reality.

In addition to the generous donations listed above there is a need to raise \$100,000 in donations to complete the project.

Many organizations and businesses in town have made pledges and contributions.

Letters have been sent to members of the alumni association, and donations have come in from alumni from all over the state and country.

To date over \$43,000 in pledges and donations have been received. Those that contribute at least \$100 can have their name or family name on a brick permanently in the weight room. There is also going to be a plaque going from the gym to the weight room recognizing the platinum (\$10,000), gold (\$5,000), and silver (\$1,000) donors.

The Grayling Rotary, Grayling Youth Booster Club, and AuSable Eye Care will be listed as gold donors, while Citizen's Bank, Grayling Redskins, Grayling Youth Wrestling, Grayling Eagles, Medicine

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CHRIST COMETH TO GRAYLING



Photo by Dan Sanderson
A nine-foot bronze statue, aimed at illustrating the story of creation and salvation, was brought to the St. Mary's Church last week as part of the church's \$2 million addition and renovation project. Left, Tony Bellomo, a sculptor and designer from Mt. Clemens who specializes in liturgical art, centers the statue which weighs just under one ton. Bellomo designed the stained glass and other artwork for the church, which was made possible by contributions from the St. Mary's parishioners.

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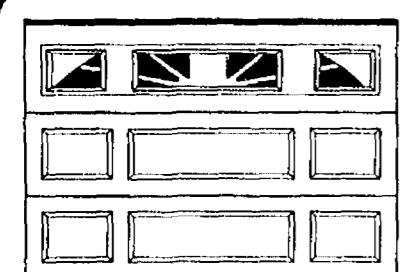
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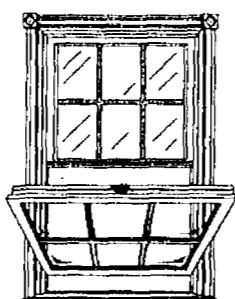
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A GRAYLING HOMECOMING



Sgt. E-5 David White, a member of the Michigan Army National Guard's 126th Armor Battalion, was among the 145 men and women from the unit who returned to Michigan on Sunday, Feb. 26, after serving a 12-month mission in Iraq. While in Iraq, the unit provided critical site security and route security. Above, White, who works at the Maneuver Area Training and Equipment Site (MATES), was welcomed home by his parents, Joe and Barbara White, with a huge banner placed outside his home.

Annual Pictionary Olympics slated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Fred Fisher and his fellow RE/MAX of Grayling employees are looking forward to defending their title at the Pictionary Olympics next month, which sponsors are promising will sprout new friendly foes among businesses and groups.

The 19th annual Pictionary Olympics will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 21 at the

Grayling Eagles Club. The Pictionary Olympics is sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA).

Applications to sign up for Pictionary Olympics went out last week, and businesses, groups are encouraged to form teams. Someone who is unable to attend the event can sponsor a team.

Linda Stephens, a GPA member and a sales agent for AAA of Michigan, is forming her own business team this year and is challenging other insurance companies in town to do same. Stephens said GPA hopes that businesses renew old rivalries and start new ones.

"We want to get some rivalries

going and get this back into being a really fun night," Stephens said.

Last year, RE/MAX of Grayling won the Pictionary Olympics. Ironically, though, the business had nothing to show for the victory because their trophy was taken before they left the Pictionary Olympics last year.

The business, however, has been provided ransom letters and photos of the trophy, and hope to have it back soon.

"We're hoping to close the case before the next Pictionary Olympics," Fisher said.

Fisher said that RE/MAX and employees have been sharpening their drawing and guessing skills

as they gear up for the competition.

"We only get one chance a year to shine and we like to make the best of it," Fisher said.

Teams are encouraged to come to the event dressed in t-shirts or outrageous costumes representing their business or group.

"It's the one opportunity you have the entire year to get up in front of everybody, make a fool out of yourself and laugh like crazy," Stephens said.

The sponsor fee for Pictionary Olympic is \$60 per team, and there is limit of 25 teams for the event. Proceeds from the Pictionary Olympics will go to fund GPA projects.

Council studies planning fee hikes

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling city officials are considering a host of proposed steep hikes to the city's planning and zoning fee schedule.

Grayling city council members were presented the planning and zoning fees for their review at the council's recent meeting.

By in large, most of the proposed fee hikes are for commercial development.

The fee for a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) application, for example, would go from \$25 to \$100 for commercial project, which is a 300 percent increase.

The proposed fee to have an appeal for a commercial project considered by the ZBA would go from \$100 to \$300 – a 200 percent increase. And the fee for a zoning board of appeals variance for a commercial project would go from \$200 to \$300, which is a 50 percent increase.

A zoning appeal for a residential development would go from \$50 to \$300, which is a 500 percent increase, while a variance request for a residential project would be hiked from \$200 to \$300, a 50 percent increase.

The fee for a demolition permit for a commercial project would go from \$25 to \$100, a 300 percent increase.

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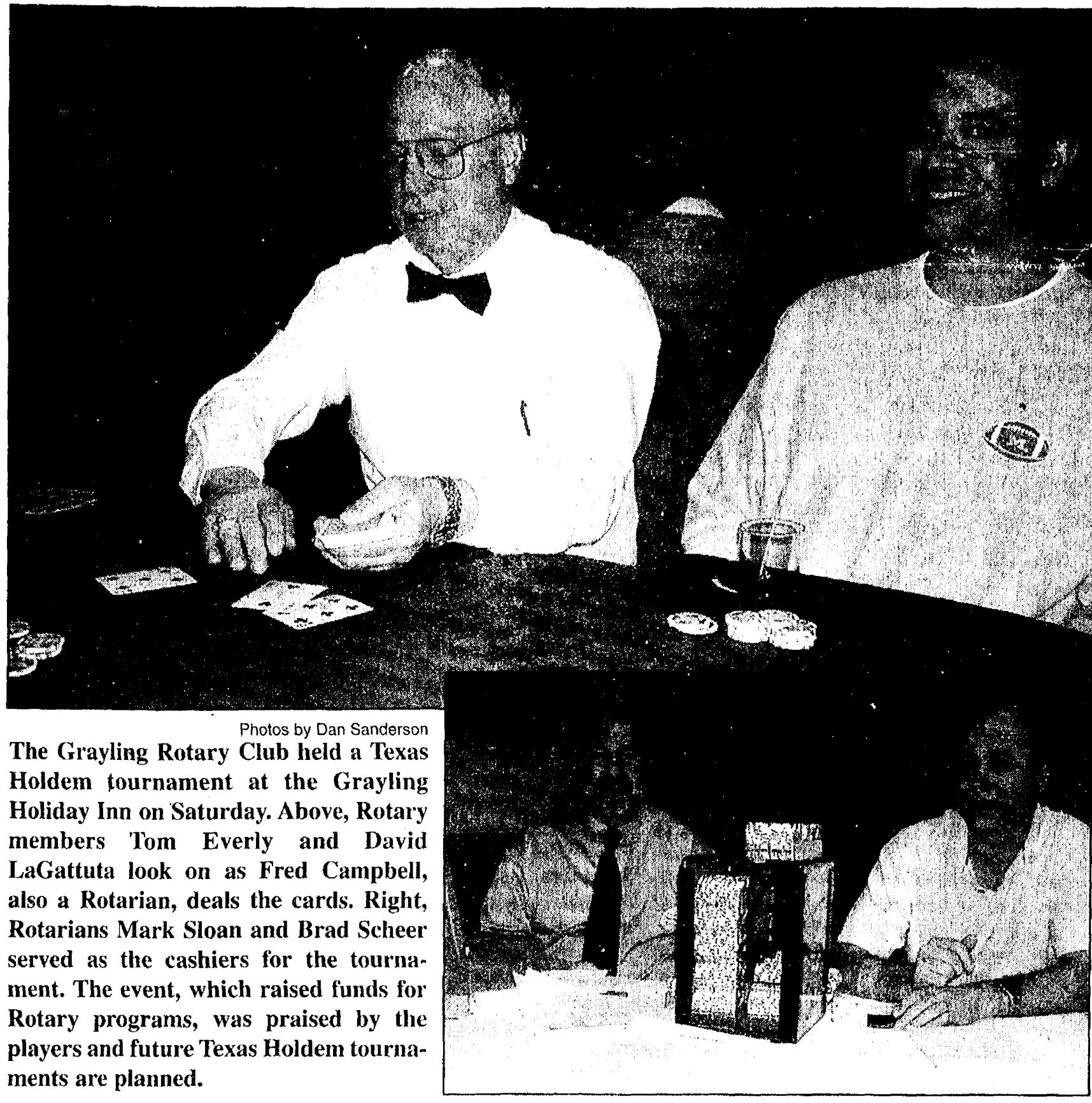
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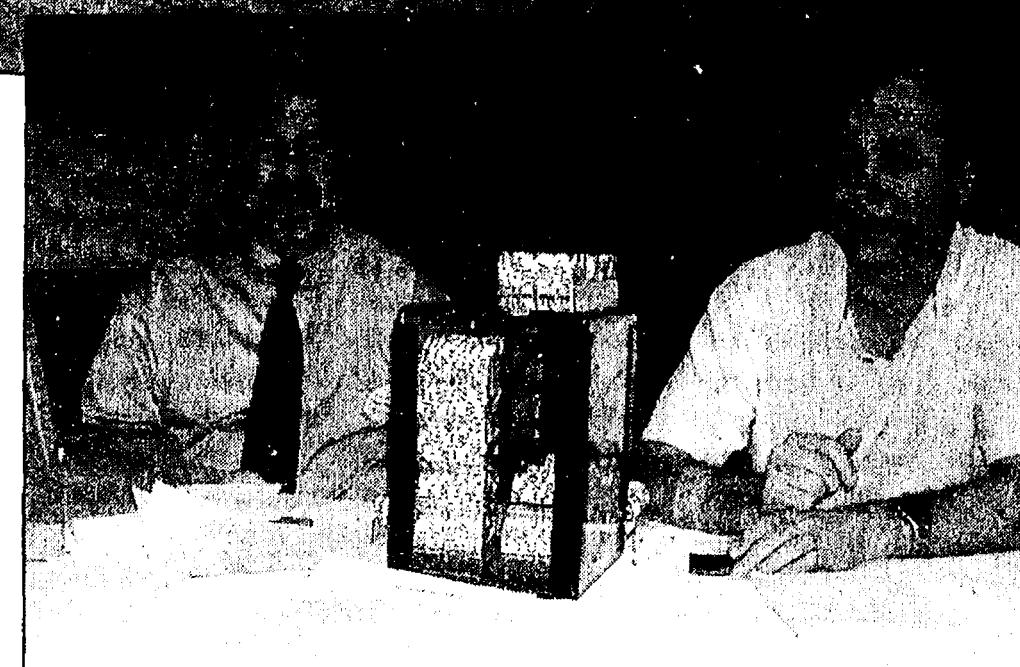
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The fee for a special ZBA

TEXAS HOLDEM



Photos by Dan Sanderson
The Grayling Rotary Club held a Texas Holdem tournament at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Saturday. Above, Rotary members Tom Everly and David LaGattuta look on as Fred Campbell, also a Rotarian, deals the cards. Right, Rotarians Mark Sloan and Brad Scheer served as the cashiers for the tournament. The event, which raised funds for Rotary programs, was praised by the players and future Texas Holdem tournaments are planned.



Senator Stamas meets with area firefighters

State Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, recently met with members of several area fire departments including, departments from Frederic Township, Beaver Creek Township, Otsego Lake



Frederic Township Fire Department hosted a questions and answer session with area firefighters and Senator Stamas. Pictured L to R: Chief Holtecamp Beaver Creek F.D., Chief Joe Shelly Otsego Township F.D., Chief Tim Warren Otsego County F.D., Senator Stamas, and Chief Doug Pratt Frederic F.D.

Township and Otsego County, for a question and answer session.

"The meeting was a great opportunity to listen to the questions and concerns of firefighters," Stamas said. "As an elected

official it is important I talk with my constituents and learn how I can assist them. I came away from the meeting with a better understanding of some of the critical issues facing the rural departments in my district."

The question and answer session was attended by approximately 12 firefighters, including hosts Frederic Township Fire Department Chief Doug Pratt and Assistant Chief Ed Gosicki.

"I was pleased that I was able to bring fire chiefs from Crawford and Otsego counties together with Senator Stamas to discuss issues that affect not only local fire departments, but the fire service as a whole in northern Michigan," Pratt said. "Senator Stamas has been a great ally in our fight for better funding of Michigan's fire service."

Also attending was Frederic Township Supervisor Jeff Kea. "I was very pleased that Senator Stamas could take time out of his busy schedule to meet with and listen to the needs of our firefighters and area fire chiefs," Kea said.

Weight room initiative gathers steam

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Shoppe, Joe Powers and family, Melissa Stone and family, Doug and Doniel Pummell and family, Brian and Toni Banda, Jim and Dianne Tobin, and Irene Murphy (in memory of Ransom Murphy) will be listed in the silver donor category. Other businesses that have made generous donations or pledges include Scheer Motors, Dubois Rental Center, Hart Motors, Sylvester's and Hard Bodyz.

"Contributions of all amounts have come in from

numerous families and individuals and every contribution is appreciated," said Doug Pummell, the athletic director for Crawford AuSable Schools.

If you would like any more information about the project, have any class address lists for alumni or would like to make a donation, contact Pummell at the Grayling High School at (989) 344-3523.

Donations can also be sent to Grayling High School, Weight Room Project, 1135 N. Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738.

The ballot language has to be reviewed by staff in

the governor's office under state law, Lowe said.

Voters will be asked to make a slew of changes to the city charter in the next three to four elections.

"Rather than bludgeon voters with all of this, we're going to ask them to take up one section at a time," Sabin said. "When we get more difficult things, they will understand what it means and what we're up to."

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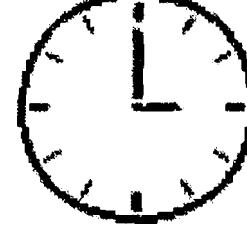
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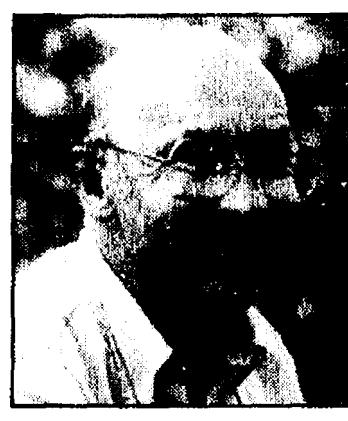
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ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Some repeatable comments from some quotable people

PRESENTED HEREWITH, some repeatable comments which struck your writer's fancy, stretching from Pope Benedict through various politicians to a sports writer, picked up from here and there by reading newspapers, and offered for the reader's consideration, without endorsement:

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"THE MEN AND women in our technical age risk becoming victims of their own intellectual and technical achievements, ending up in spiritual barrenness and emptiness of heart." Pope Benedict XVI from a message to a crowd in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

"A year from now, America will still have more than 100,000 troops in Iraq, Osama bin Laden will still be the world's most wanted man, and Michigan's economy will still lag the nation's. Those are the easy things to forecast about 2006, and I would gladly be wrong

about any of them." Ron Dzwonkowski, *Detroit Free Press editor*, in a New Year's column.

"We like Ohio Republican chairman Bob Bennett's idea. He told the AP 'If you ever banned air-conditioning, I think people would flock back.'" *Rocky Mountain News editorial*, discussing the flight of jobs to southern climes, quoted in *Detroit Free Press*.

"There is no peace in retreat ... Hindsight alone is not wisdom, and second guessing is not a strategy." President George W. Bush discussing American military involvement in the Middle East in his State of the Union message.

"I enjoy what I do. I'm comfortable doing what I do. I think that given the current climate on the court, I make a contribution... The court is unquestionably more conservative. I wake up in the morning saying, 'I dissent.'" Justice Michael Cavanagh, announcing his intention to run for another term on the Michigan Supreme Court and likely to be nominated again this year by the Democratic Party.

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Mr. Gingrich again, same citation.

"Fond as Democrats are of the view that President George W. Bush lives in a bubble, they miss the point that they (also) live in a bubble. In fact we all live in bubbles... If Bush's bubble is a close and loyal staff, the Democrats' bubble is the media culture to which they look for descriptions of political reality. Their main problem is that they don't understand the way the bubble acts as an echo chamber, repeating their preferred interpretation of what's going on back to them." Tod Lindberg, *Washington Times* columnist, quoted in the *Detroit Free Press*.

"People got a right to lie about politics. It's not against the law to lie in politics." Mark Grebner, Lansing political consultant, about petitions collected for the proposed state constitutional amendment on civil rights, quoted in a *Detroit Free Press* news story.

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"I ADMIT IT. I am addicted to oil.... I'm addicted to food as well. I eat every day, often three times a day. I'm addicted to houses; my wife and I own two of them. I'm addicted to water; I drink it all the time, even swim in it. Of course, America is addicted to oil... but the American economy is the envy of the world. There is a close connection between the two things.... What Americans are addicted to is economic growth." Thomas Bray, *Detroit News* columnist, on the oil portion of President Bush's State of the Union message.

"When people are scared, they don't think, they don't reason, and they want nothing so desperately as to just stop being scared. So often they'll go along with anything that holds out that promise. Even if it means allowing the rights our forebears won from Britain King George III to be denied by America's King George I. Still, we should be

ashamed. Freedom deserves a better epitaph than fear."

Syndicated columnist Leonard Pitts, Jr., on the Bush administration's eavesdropping policies.

"Too many expect government to do for them what they could do for themselves. That is why government has grown so large and costs so much. That is why it won't be until the spending goes down substantially that the economy will reach its full potential." Syndicated columnist Cal Thomas, on Bush programs in the State of the Union message.

"And finally: 'In a one-floor building, everybody gets to live in the penthouse.' Detroit Free Press sports columnist Michael Rosenberg on the Detroit Lions and other under-achieving pro football teams.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Music education gives our kids an opportunity to shine

To the editor:

Last Saturday, March 4, we had the privilege of following our daughter to the Regional Middle School Band Festival. There we were delighted by the performance of the Grayling Middle School Band. They behaved well, looked professional and sounded terrific. Their reward, they received the highest mark possible from every judge in every category.

Several of the judges specifically commented that their instructor, Mr. Reed, had prepared the students well for the competition. This feat is all more remarkable in that band had been reduced this year to every other day, so that the student musician had only two or

three sessions of instruction per week. What is also remarkable is that the high school band, under Mr. Bishop and Mr. Reed, had also achieved outstanding marks at their festival the week before.

In these times of tight school budgets, we hope that the Crawford AuSable School District administrators remember the value of music education in itself and also the importance of giving our students the opportunity to shine.

Congratulations to Mr. Bishop, Mr. Reed and the students in the middle and high school bands.

Charles and Carol Todoroff
Grayling

Why don't you move to Gaylord or Traverse City

To the editor,

I have a suggestion to all you people complaining about the state of the downtown area of Grayling.

Why don't you move to Gaylord or Traverse City or open one of those empty places downtown as a lot of wonderful peo-

ple are doing now and making it. You surely knew what the area was like when you moved here.

I myself, think the area is just great and I think the owners and their employees are too.

Thank you,
Karen Anderson
Moorestown

Grayling still retains its small town charm

To the editor,

Recently my wife and I had the pleasure of visiting long time Grayling residents Skip and Sherry Hanson at their winter home. Imagine my surprise when I picked up a copy of the Avalanche dated January 12 and read in the section dedicated to events of a number of years ago, an article about Shoemaker's 5 & 10 store. 46 years ago, to be exact. Pillow cases for 43 cents a pair.

My how times have changed and how time flies. I moved my family to Grayling in 1959 to open and manage that store. Beverly and I have many fond memories of our years in

your lovely town and we still count many of you as our close friends even though we don't see you very often.

Many changes have gone on in the ensuing years but Grayling still retains its small town charm.

A lot of you will remember the antics of Larry McNamara of Mac's Drugs fame. I sure do.

The downtown area of Grayling has changed but I still remember it vividly.

We hope to make a trip back to Michigan this fall and plan on spending some time in Grayling.

God Bless all of you.

Bob & Bev Aschenbrenner
Azusa, Calif.

No store can come here

To the editor:

Since I didn't think Mr. Feldhauser got a decent answer to his questions, maybe I'll try.

Why is one man buying everything he can buy in downtown Grayling? Why? What was going to be done with the Plaza, Ben Franklin's and the ugly green building on the corner? What about Dawson's/Stevens? Does he own Northern Concepts? I hear he bought

Shoppenagon's and is waiting for the county building - Bear Archery property?

No store can come in here so we can have some selection or competition. How much competition will there be when one man owns almost everything? Hopefully not a new resident of Gannonsville.

Pam Holzman
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

by Marsha J. Evans, President and CEO of the American Red Cross

Michigan State Service Delivery areas to celebrate Red Cross Month

from their homes this year.

Many others actively volunteer their time, including over 50 individuals who traveled to Florida, Alabama, Texas and Louisiana to help with relief efforts following Hurricane Katrina and Rita.

We are currently hosting disaster volunteer training in many of the SSDA counties to teach volunteers how to respond to local and national disasters. Call 1-800-691-6059 for more information.

"America has always been a place where people look out for each other. We really want to thank everyone who chose the Red Cross as their way to help out in our community," says Dave Gutierrez, SSDA Director.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared March 1943 to be Red Cross Month, a tradition that has been continued every year, by every president since.

Governed by volunteers and supported by community donations, the American Red Cross is a nationwide network of nearly 900 field units dedicated to saving lives and helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Led by one million volunteers and 36,000 employees, the Red Cross annually mobilizes relief to families affected by more than 70,000 disasters, trains almost 12 million people in lifesaving skills and keeps the U.S. military families connected worldwide. The Red Cross is the largest supplier of blood and blood products to more than 3,000 hospitals across the nation and also assist victims of international disasters and conflicts at locations worldwide.

We have many hometown heroes/volunteers who have, on their own time, received special training on how to help families when disaster strikes, more than numerous local families received immediate assistance, shelter, food, and clothing when disasters such as fires, forced them

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BRIEFS

Ireland dessert travelogue to be held

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series' 33rd season of Travel and Adventure will present a dessert show "Ireland: Celtic Myths & Splendor" on Sunday, March 12, at the Grayling High School Auditorium. Dessert will be served at 1 p.m., doors open at 12:45 p.m., show begins at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$11 for seniors/students and are available at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, Flowers By Josie, or at the door. For more information call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

Consumer Fraud series to be held

The senior center at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will be holding the seventh in an eight week series on how to protect yourself from consumer fraud. Sheriff Wakefield from the Crawford County Sheriff's Department will be presenting, on Tuesday, March 14, at 12:30 p.m., on the topic "Charity Con," with information on how methods are used to get people to donate to phony scams, how to prevent being conned, and how to decide which charities are worthy. For more information call Alice Snyder at 348-7123.

COA will discuss state and local history

The Commission on Aging will be hosting a discussion group at the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., on Thursdays, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., starting March 16 and continuing through April 20. Howard Taylor will spend time telling stories and teaching about our local history and the great state of Michigan. Call the COA at 348-7123 for more information.

Jive at Five to perform dinner concert

Jive at Five, with wailing saxes and vocal jazz harmony, will perform a dinner concert as part of the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series on Thursday, March 9, at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Doors open at 5:45 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m., concert will follow dessert. Tickets are available for \$29.50 at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Flowers By Josie, or at the door. For information call the chamber at 989-348-2921.

St. Patrick's Dinner to be held at COA

The Grayling Senior Center, at 308 Lawndale St., will be holding a St. Patrick's Dinner on March 16 at 5 p.m. Menu includes corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes and carrots, along with a salad bar. Cost for the meal is \$3 for seniors and children under 12 and \$5 for adults under 60. For information or transportation, contact Elouise Mize at (989) 348-7123.

Sheriff to attend Maple Forest meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Maple Forest meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. The Sheriff will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, will remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Bedding needed to keep pets cozy

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, on Huron St. (M-72), is in need of donations of clean used blankets, bed spreads, quilts, throw rugs, towels and pillows to be used for bedding in kennels and cat cages. Cats also like old sweaters with buttons removed. Large plastic buckets with metal handles from food services are needed for watering. Buckets that have contained paint or chemicals of any sort cannot be used. For information call 348-4117.

Grayling Little League registration starting

Grayling Little League, for baseball and softball players ages 7 and up will hold Player Registration Night on Wednesday, March 15, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Registration fee is \$25 (family max of \$50) is due at sign-up as well as \$20 per player for fund-raising fee (family max of \$40). The fund-raising fee includes two home run cards that can be sold for \$10 each for purchases/services at local businesses. Door prizes will be given out. Registration continues at Sylvester's until April 21.

Kirtland seeks nominations for Outstanding Alumnus

The Kirtland Community College Alumni Committee is seeking nominations for the 2006 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. The alumnus selected will be recognized and speak briefly at the college's commencement ceremony Friday, May 5. The name of the person honored will also be added to a plaque that hangs in the Administration Center on campus.

Selection criteria include additional education beyond the Kirtland experience, professional accomplishments, involvement in community activities, leadership and post-degree involvement with Kirtland or in the field of education. The nom-

inee must have been graduated from Kirtland in 1996 or before, with a certificate of completion or associate's degree.

Nominations should consist of the name of the nominee and information addressing the selection criteria to support the nomination.

Candidates may nominate themselves or someone else. Former nominees who have not been selected previously are welcome to have their names resubmitted for consideration.

Formal written nominations must be sent by March 31 to Stacey Barnes, Dean of Student Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI, 48653.

AARP Driver Safety Program

The Crawford County Commission On Aging is sponsoring the AARP Driver Safety Program, a classroom driver refresher course for drivers ages 50 and older.

AARP developed this course to help drivers improve their skills and prevent crashes. This course covers the age-related physical changes in perception and reaction time, local driving problems and rules of the road. The certified AARP volunteer instructors will be presenting this course through a combination of group discussion and videotapes.

Kirtland begins Global Awareness series with seminar on Africa

Kirtland Community College announces it will kick off its spring Global Awareness seminar series with a Tuesday, March 14, talk titled "Africa in the 21st Century: Can millennium development goals be achieved?" The talk will take place at 2 p.m. in the Instruction Center on the Kirtland campus, Room 123.

Presentations in the Global Awareness series are free, open to the public and intended to inform as well as to encourage discussion on the many global issues that are relevant in today's society. Kirtland is part of the Michigan Global Awareness Consortium and each year hosts several guest speakers who address global subject matter from an expert's point of view.

This year the consortium chose to address subjects on the theme of "The impact of globalization on traditional societies."

The seminar on Africa will be given by Dr. Ellen M. Bassett, an assistant professor with the Urban and Regional Planning Program at Michigan State University. Her research interests revolve around land use/environmental policy and planning, with a particular interest in urban land tenure and poverty in sub-Saharan Africa.

Prior to working at MSU, she lived and worked in East Africa for 10 years, first as a Peace Corps volunteer, then as an urban planning advisor with a German development project based in Nairobi and most recently as an environmental planning advisor with IUCN in Uganda. She grew up in Michigan.

The series continues with a seminar titled "The impacts of globalization on communities at home and abroad," to be given Wednesday, March 22, beginning at noon, by Nancy Alexander, director of the Citizens' Network on Essential Services (CNES).

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for March.

Immunization clinics: March 1 and 15 by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

Family planning clinic: March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Call (989) 348-7800 for appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: March 1, 9, 13, 15, 20, 22-23-24 and 27. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call (231) 876-3839/Health Education.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled March 21 in Grayling. Call 1-899-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children ages three to 18. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are being held in Crawford County at the Head Start Building in Grayling. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

Flu Clinics are available throughout March. Please call (989)-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Alexander has worked as a legislative assistant to a member of the U.S. Congress, served as an energy and environmental policy negotiator, lobbied the U.S. Congress on the role of the U.S. in the developing world, launched advocacy programs in support of the United Nations, and published extensively about the role of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in the global economy.

Before founding CNES, Alexander directed the Government Relations Department and the Development Bank Watchers' Project at Bread for the World Institute. She has degrees from Duke and Harvard universities.

Beginning on Thursday, March 23, with a noon presentation by Mico Slattery, the focus will shift to the impacts of globalization on Native American peoples. Slattery is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Band and is on the faculty at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College in Mt. Pleasant.

On Tuesday, Apr. 11, Native American singer, songwriter, storyteller and dancer Jody Thomas Gaskin will perform at Kirtland. Gaskin is a prolific singer and songwriter who produces a hybrid fusion style of music that blends Native American rhythms and vocal styles with modern instrumentation.

He encourages his audiences to explore and celebrate their ethnic backgrounds and performs in full traditional Native American regalia. He uses modern music, the Native American flute, and oral traditions to share teachings about wisdom, love, respect, bravery, humility, honesty, and truth. He finishes with a colorful spectacle called the hoop dance.

For more information on the Michigan Global Awareness Consortium or the Global Awareness series at Kirtland, contact Sinan Toprak at 989-275-5000, ext. 265.

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The Bible Speaks

Sodomy Destroys

God warned us of how fornication in Romans 1:24 would descend into the most degrading of sex sins. He tells us Romans 1:25 how sex sin is against God: "25Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."

Because of the evil nature of fornication, God abandoned those involved in such evil sin to even greater depravity in Romans 1:26: "6For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature." "For this cause..." reminds us that human choice to practice fornication is the reason God gave them up unto vile affections." Vile speaks of being disgraceful, dishonoring and shameful. Affections speak of their lust and passion. Lesbianism was born of such evil affections. "...For even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature." They were not born Lesbians, but deliberately changed their native sexual constitution or disposition into that which is not only contrary to nature but against nature.

Sodomy included the sexual depravity of men also. "And like-

wise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet." (Rom. 1:27). Men, also as women, become sodomites by abandoning God's design for their creation. "...Leaving the natural use of the woman." Sodomy is unnatural. Second, sodomy is also unreasonable, "...burned in their lust one toward another." Sodomy is not based upon love, but upon a burning unreasonable lust. Third, sodomy is unseemly. "...Men with men working that which is unseemly." God reminds us that sodomy is indecent, shameful, and uncomely. Fourth, sodomy is unhealthy. "...And receiving in themselves that recompense of their error..." They receive within themselves the requital, reward or wages of their error. The errors of sodomy are fraudulent, false doctrine, deception, and delusion which destroy lives. Sodomy kills. Finally, sodomy is unjustifiable. Those who practice this error receive that "...which was meet." In other words, the evil result of practicing sodomy God declares to be what ought to be, necessary, or needful punishment.

Besides the pain and problems

sodomy brings in this life, there is God's judgment for eternity. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind." (1 Cor. 6:9). "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." (Jude 1:7). Finally, sodomy brings God's destruction upon nations according to Lev. 18:22-28. God said in Lev. 18:24: "Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you." Sodomy destroys individuals, families and nations. There is no hope or future in sodomy for anyone. But there is forgiveness of sins, cleansing, and hope through faith in the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Truth shall make you free! (John 8:32) Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES

Thomas A. Gibbons

Oct. 24, 1936 - March 5, 2006

Thomas Aquinas Gibbons, 69, of Baldwin, passed away on March 5, 2006 at his home after a brief illness.

Thomas was born on October 24, 1936 at Grace Hospital in Detroit to Dr. Gerald and Elsie E. (Nettle) Gibbons.

He began his education in Detroit at Gesu School, relocated to Beaver Island Schools, to St. Mary's Grade School in Charlevoix. He then attended Charlevoix High School for two years prior to Grayling High School, where he graduated in 1955. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from University of Detroit in 1959 and continued his education at Wayne State University in Detroit where he completed his Masters of Social Work. He pursued and completed his Doctor of Psychology at Union Institute and University in Cincinnati.

In 1988 he moved to the Baldwin area to begin his career with Community Mental Health where he worked until 2001 when he retired.

He married Louise Ellen Buckner-Anderson on August 10, 1991 at Holy Rosary Church in Grand Marais.

In 2002, he joined the Metron of Big Rapids Nursing Care Facility as a social worker, and for the last couple of years he worked for Behavioral Counseling Services, PLC in Reed City as a Psychologist. He was a member of the Knights of Lake County K of C's, the AMVETS Post #1988, the Oddfellows, and the Baldwin Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife Louise, of 15 years; children, Nathan (Lisa Hathaway) Gibbons of Okemos, and Shawn (Ann) Gibbons of Eagle, Wis.; step-children: Mary Ann Anderson of Chicago, Ill., Jean (John) Mickel of Cincinnati, Ohio, and David (Laurie) Anderson of Frederick, Md.; grandchildren John, Greg, and Liz; step-grandchildren Aidan and Anna; brothers: James J. (Christel) Gibbons of Charlevoix, Colo., Gerald Gibbons of San Antonio, Texas; Victor J. Gibbons of Norcross, Ga., Peter C. Gibbons of Loveland, Colo., Joseph (Connie) Gibbons, DO, of Singer Island, Fla.; sister, Mary Ann Gibbons of Bentley; sisters-in-law: Arden Gibbons, C. Marilyn Gibbons, Sharon Watkins, Carol Foote, Elizabeth Gibbons; brother-in-law, Bill (Jean) Weaver; many nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Mason or Millville United Methodist Church.

Arrangements made by Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home in Mason.

Mae Marie Waltz

Mae Marie Townsend Waltz, 69, of Mason, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side.

She was born March 19, 1936 in White Oak Township to Fay and Beryl Townsend.

She graduated from high school in Dansville in 1953. In 1989 she retired from the State of Michigan after a 33 year secretarial career.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, March 10 - Lunch - beef goulash, cauliflower, peas and carrots, and fruit yogurt. No Dinner. 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, March 11 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for appt. and bring your own towel.

Monday, March 13 - Lunch - smoked sausage, hot German potato salad, peas and carrots, and pudding. Dinner - baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, stewed tomatoes, and fruit yogurt. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, March 14 - Lunch - oven omelet, winter blend, green bean casserole, and pastry. Dinner - baked potato with beef chili, broccoli with cheese sauce, and apple crisp. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. tax clinic, 12:30 p.m. Consumer Fraud Series "The Charity Con," 6:30 p.m. housing commission board meeting.

Wednesday, March 15 - Lunch - salmon patty with cream sauce, glazed carrots, coleslaw and orange. Dinner - pork chops, marshmallow sweet potatoes, peas, and brownie. 10 a.m. line dancing, 2 p.m. Caregiver Class.

Thursday, March 16 - Lunch - BBQ meatballs, Italian blend vegetables, corn, and peaches. Dinner - St. Patrick's Dinner-corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, and Irish fluff. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of March 9 - 15, is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during March 9 - 15.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) Artillery firing, March 10 - 12.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

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Evening Worship 6 pm

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Brownie Troop 2360 earn badges

Brownie Troop 2360 made a trip to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County to deliver bedding, rugs, etc. to help keep the animals warm and snug this winter. The girls were given a tour of the facility and got to meet some of the animals that are up for adoption.

They learned the importance of spay and

neutering pets and saw pictures of pets that had been abused and one that had even had a run in with a porcupine. The girls also got information on service dogs that were rescued from the shelter and had later gone on to become trained as leader dogs for the blind.

This third grade Brownie troop has learned

the importance of community service and was inspired by Tonya, the shelter director, to come back and volunteer when they are old enough.

The girls earned a community service badge for collecting donations for the shelter and were also rewarded with a trip to BC pizza for all their efforts.



The girls of Brownie Troop 2360 Amber Bunker, Kayla Forrester, Vanessa Kinsel, Brieann Koves, Taylor Nielson, Anastasia Oberg, Autumn Ruby, and Katelyn Vierling, earned community service badges for collecting donations for the animal shelter. Leaders are Karen Thomas and Linda Vinton.

Kirtland housing proposal to be addressed

The Kirtland Community College Trustees will hold a meeting next week to take input on a proposed student housing project which has caused a stir in the college community.

The forum on student housing project will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, at the Kirtland House, the college's on-campus conference center.

The student housing was discussed by the board was an open workshop on Dec. 1, at which time the full range of issues related were thoroughly discussed.

"The rationale for on-campus student housing focuses on facilitating the future growth of the college," said Kirtland President Charles Rorie.

Staff at the college have raised concerns over the cost of the project and whether students would opt to utilize the housing.

Following a national trend, Kirtland's enrollment has broken records in recent years, growing from a fall semester enrollment of 1,241 students in 2000, to 2,237 in the fall of 2005.

Community college enrollment across the country has been on the rise as students seek to take advantage of lower tuition costs relative to four-year institutions and the increased number of partnerships community colleges have been forging with those same institutions. Kirtland has been no exception to this trend.

Five years ago the college added an athletics program.

Recruiting efforts bring in student-athletes from around the country, as well as several international students each year.

Whether the growing number and diversity of students the college is attracting would choose to live in campus housing is another question, however.

Rorie explained that the existing housing — eight six-person units — are sometimes full, and sometimes not. Student-athletes and cadets enrolled in Kirtland's Regional Police Academy have been a significant portion of the residents.

The houses were originally designed as single-family dwellings for college faculty. Rorie said that their floor plans are inappropriate for student housing and, in addition, the location of the houses on campus makes supervision of residents an issue.

"If we are to continue to have on-campus student housing, it would be very desirable to replace our current facilities with new ones better designed for student needs," Rorie said.

There is at least one other factor that makes the issue of student housing a relatively urgent matter. It relates to notice the college has received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) concerning the water wells which serve the college's existing housing. These wells no longer meet the current standards for well type or well placement to service the housing.

"This does not mean that the water provided for our student housing is unsafe," Rorie said. "We test that water regularly, and there is no problem. However, the water well system referenced was built at a time when the standards were different from the standards of today, and current use of our on-campus housing for students is now out of compliance with DEQ regulations."

"Therefore, in the very near future, we must either commit to an approved plan to upgrade our wells to meet DEQ standards, or phase out our student housing."

Upgrading the student housing water well system to current DEQ standards will be an expensive proposition, according to Rorie. He said the college has submitted a state capital improvements grant proposal asking for a little more than \$1 million dollars for this purpose and the request has been recommended for funding by the governor in her latest budget proposal.

"We are also working with a consulting firm in Lansing seeking additional grant funding to pay for our required 50 percent of the capital improvement grant sought," Rorie said. "Because we are under a mandate to make these well improvements, our consultants think our chances for such funding are very good."

Under this assumption, Kirtland is proceeding with the planning. The water system installed under the current plan would also be sufficient to

replace the current student housing with more appropriate new facilities for Kirtland's students.

"However, new housing would be costly to build and administer well," Rorie admitted. "Also, since our housing philosophy has been, and continues to be, a self-funded approach, building new housing could price us out of the market."

Dishwasher detergents raise water quality concerns

by Jacquelyn Halas
Capital News Service

Phosphorus from dishwasher detergents is creating accelerated algae growth and dead zones — areas of water in which low oxygen levels make it hard for fish plants and other aquatic life to survive — in Michigan waters such as Lake Erie.

Toxic blooms, putrid smells, stagnant lakes and declining fish populations are all caused by depletion of oxygen due to phosphorus in the water, said Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) resource policy assistant Erin McDonough.

These problems have caused legislators to consider the issue.

Democratic Sens. Liz Brater of Ann Arbor, Gilda Jacobs of Huntington Woods, Burton Leland of Detroit and Robert L. Emerson of Flint have introduced a bill to ban the selling of dishwasher detergents that contain more than half a percent of phosphorus.

The bill is pending in the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Phosphorus has been largely eliminated from laundry detergent. However, phosphorus is still permitted in dishwasher detergent. It wasn't included in the 1995 ban because dishwashers were less common at the time, according to MUCC.

Some dishwasher detergents with phosphorus currently use P-alternatives in their solutions. The Soap and Detergent Association, an industry group, claims that phosphates are necessary in dishwasher detergents because without phosphorus, dishwashers will rust and deteriorate faster.

Shuster Laboratories conducted experiments in an independent study in Canton, Mass. Results showed that although phosphorus-free detergents may be more expensive, they are comparable to phosphorous deter-

"We need to close loopholes for other detergents," said Bob Day, non-point source unit chief of DEQ. "Ten to 50 percent of dishwasher detergents make up domestic sewage in lakes."

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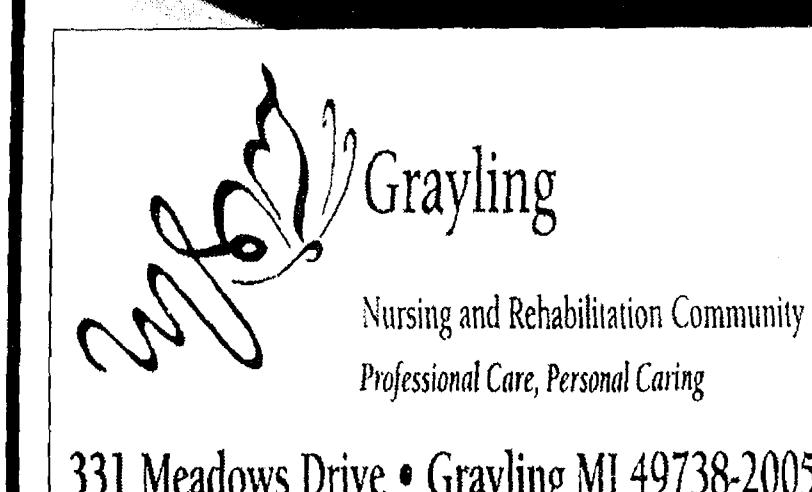
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GMS names students of the month



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New Office Manager Joins HeadWaters Land Conservancy

Callers to the HeadWaters Land Conservancy (HWLC) will be hearing a new voice on the other end - Kathy Kost, HWLC's new office manager.

A solid background in the outdoors makes Kost very qualified to work with HWLC. She has been a park ranger at the Lake Michigan National Forest Campground and a member of the Young Adult Conservation Corps. She is also a certified

master gardener.

Kost's outdoor expertise is balanced by her skills in administration. She was an inventory manager at Latitude 45 Cycle and Sport and a circulation librarian at the Otsego County library.

"I'm looking forward to learning more about HeadWaters," Kost said. "I think I'll be able to organize it so that (the staff) will be able to do their jobs better."

BUSINESS NEWS

Rick Harland, of Grayling, has been named General Sales Manager at Feeny Chrysler Jeep Dodge of Gaylord.

In his new role, Harland will be primarily responsible for ensuring that the dealership continues to grow both its new and pre-owned vehicle sales.

Harland brings over thirty years of retail automotive experience to Feeny's. The most in the Northern Lower Peninsula.

"My Dad raised nine kids while working in the car business" said Harland. He started

in sales and progressed into management ultimately becoming a partner in a Grayling area dealership. I was privileged to work with him for ten years."

His wife and best friend is Sue. They have two children and three grandchildren.

"I plan to work hard to make a difference," Harland said. "My philosophy has always been to make car buying fun and to provide memorable service after the sale. I am very excited that Bob Feeny has given me this opportunity" he added.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for March 5 of \$25 each: Mitch Millikin, Dennis Henning, and Harry Love.

VA Fundraiser

The winners of the 16th annual VA fundraiser for Fund raffle

held on Feb. 18 are as follows: 1st prize- 2005 Yamaha Big Bear 4x4 ATV- Amanda L. Backus, Grayling; 2nd prize- \$1,000- Kenneth Jensen, Grayling; 3rd prize- Savage 7MM Mag Deer Rifle w/scope- Brenda L. Mackinnon, Grayling.

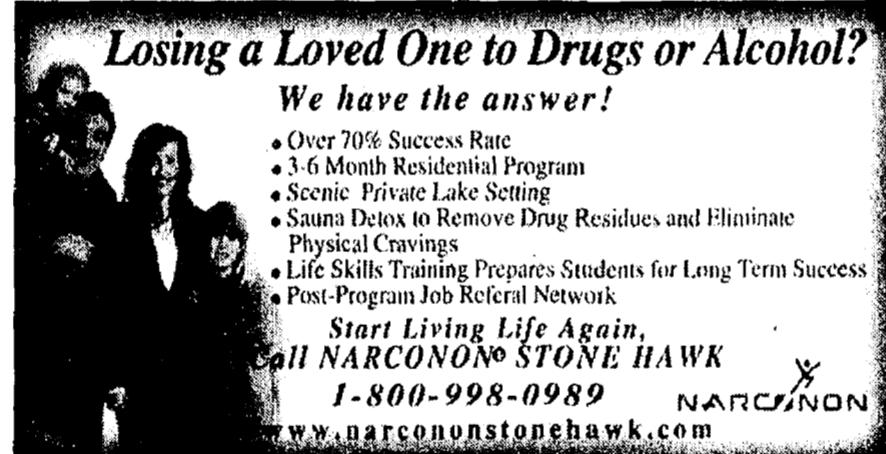
Economic Development Partnership sets goals

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) held its annual board retreat last week to discuss the events of 2005 and set goals for the year.

The CCEDP was brought

together in a daylong retreat held at Citizens Bank to brainstorm projects and goals to be accomplished in the next 12 months and beyond. Long-term goals were discussed and short-term goals prioritized. Priority goals include identifying industry clusters to compliment those already in Crawford County, to complete the transportation study and transportation plan and to educate the community on the need for economic growth in Crawford County.

"To make Crawford County an economic base and a destination not only for recreation, but for businesses to locate here, we need marketing, infrastructure, governmental supports as well as community support to accomplish the goals that we set for our community today," said Kay Cosgray, the CCEDP chairwoman and business liaison for Michigan Works.



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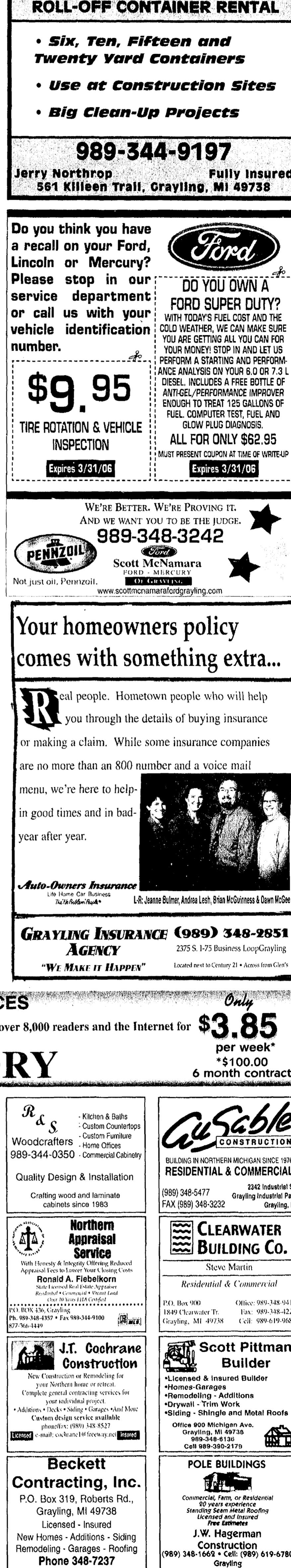
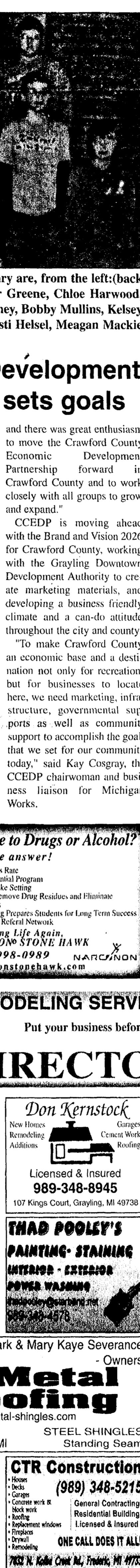
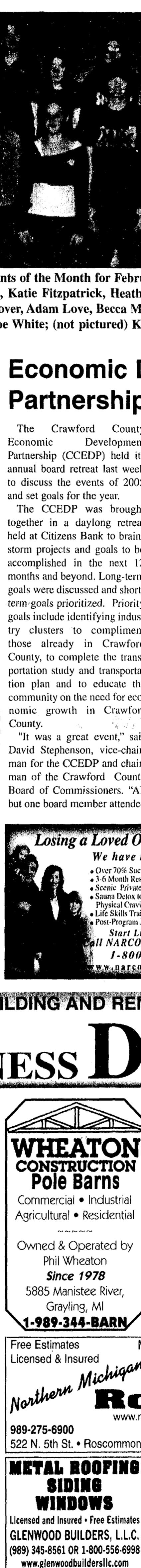
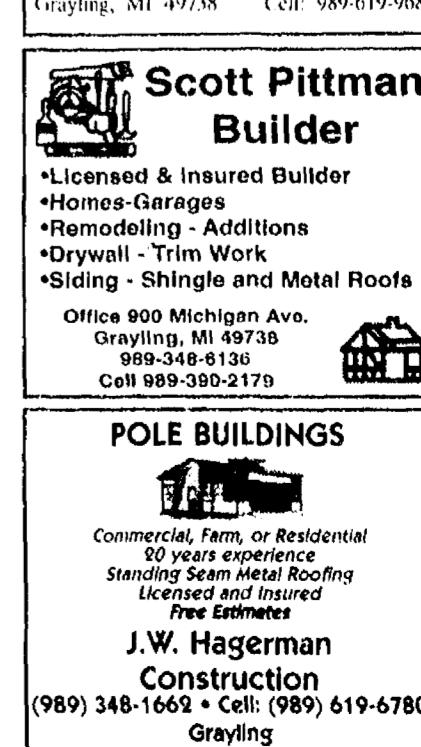
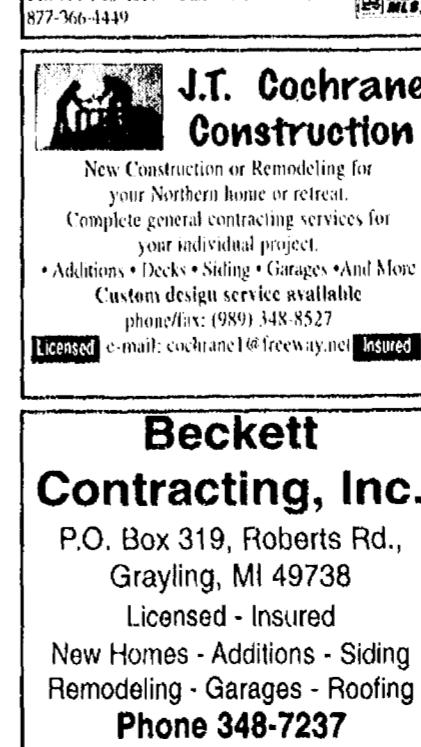
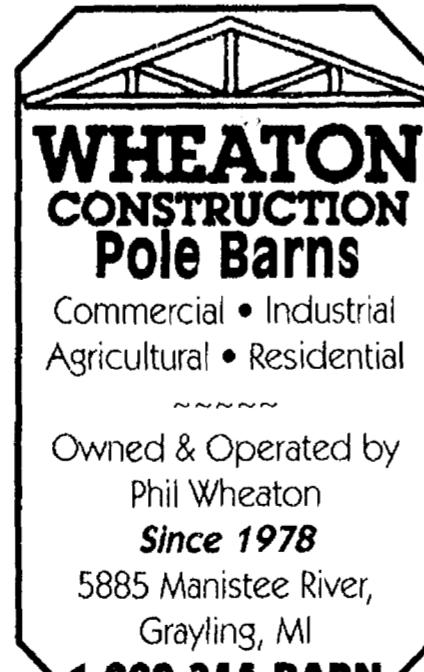
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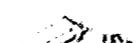
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Each year the blind campers raise a portion of the money needed for their travel and National Camps for the Blind and Christian Record Services sponsors their week at camp. This is the 8th consecutive year Camp Au Sable has hosted Winter Blind Camp. Pat Page, the Director of Christian Record Services, (CRS) along with her husband Ralph have been instrumental in coordinating this retreat. The week wouldn't be possible however, without the many volunteers that come to offer their assistance to the campers as well. This year, along with some adult volunteers, 13 student volunteers from around Canada raised money to come. They took a week off from school to assist the campers and completed their schoolwork during a designated study hall time during camp.

CRS was started in 1899. They receive 95% of their funding through public donations. These donations make it possible



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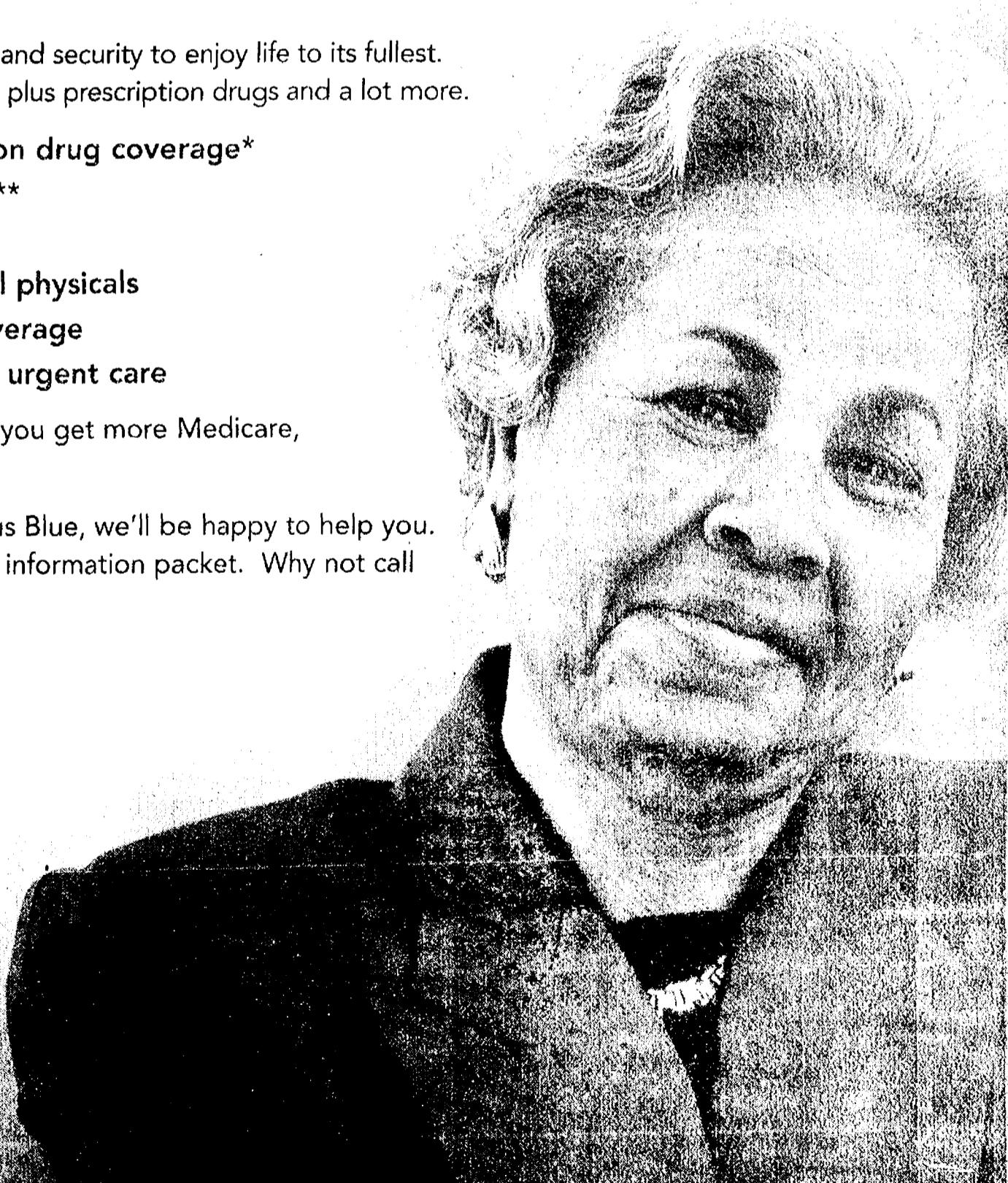
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Air Force Airman Rodney B. Ney III has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air

Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

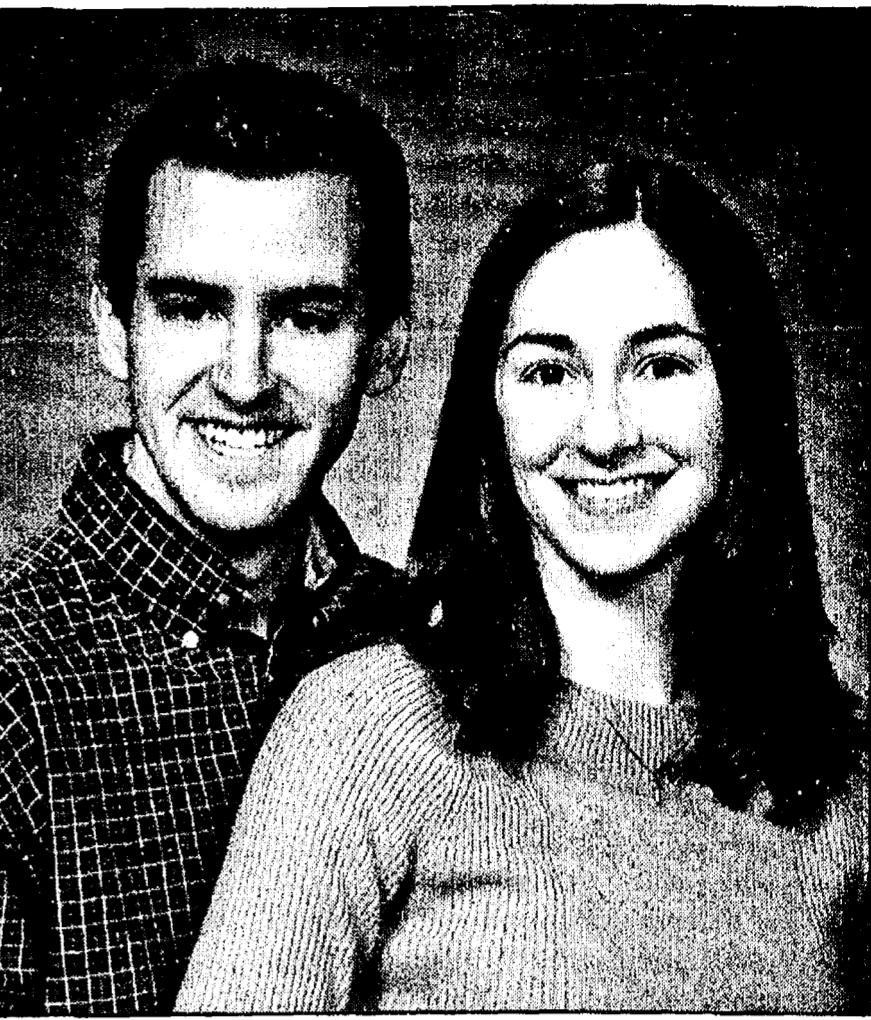
In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Rodney Ney of Grayling. He is a 2004 graduate of Grayling High School.

BIRTHS

Leanne Hunter-Weaver and Rick Adams of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Marilyn Gail, born at Mercy Hospital on February 24, 2006, at 2:59 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Jansen, Townsend engaged



Kelly Jansen and Caleb Townsend

The families of David and Elaine Jansen, of Grayling and Larry and Diana Townsend, of Charlotte would like to announce the engagement of their children, Kelly Pilar Jansen and Caleb Townsend.

Kelly is a 2002 graduate of Grayling High School and will graduate from Michigan State University in May with a bachelors degree in kinesiology.

Caleb is a 2000 graduate of Charlotte High School and a 2005 Michigan State University graduate with a bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering. He is employed by Wacker Silicone in Adrian.

A September 30, 2006 wedding is planned.

46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for February 2006

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Jeremy David Nichols, age 25 of St. Helen - Plead guilty on Jan. 12, 2006 to weapons possession loaded in vehicle non-game; sentenced on Feb. 10, 2006 to serve 60 days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$45 state minimum costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$250 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee.

Charles Lewis Williams, age 21 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Jan. 12, 2006 to larceny more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 and habitual offender-second conviction; sentenced on Feb. 9, 2006 to serve two years to seven years and six months in prison with credit for 74 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$2,239.75 restitution.

Charles Lewis Williams, age 21 of Traverse City - Found guilty for a probation violation on Jan. 12, 2006; sentenced on Feb. 9, 2006 to serve two years to 15 years in prison with credit to 15 years in prison with credit.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 87 complaints the week of Feb. 27 - March 6:

One traffic related incidents, 14 traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, eight civil matters/family disputes, 12 suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 14 general non-criminal complaints, one vehicle fire, two delinquent minors, four false alarms, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, four criminal sexual conducts first-degree, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, one burglary

home invasion, two larcenies, two fraudulent activities, one nonsufficient funds checks, one damage to property, one drug/narcotic violations, one resisting officer, four public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, one operating under the influence of alcohol, three miscellaneous arrests and four driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordssheriff.org.

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Regina B. Rosi, daughter of Tomlin and Marilyn Rosi of Grayling, has been named to the Merit List at Kenyon College for the first semester of the 2005-2006 academic year.

To be eligible for Merit List recognition, a student must earn a grade point average of at least 3.45 on the College's 4 point grading scale.

Rosi has been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the national honor society, at Kenyon College.

Rosi was one of ten seniors inducted into the society, based

on her academic record and good character. Election to membership in the fall of one's senior year is a special honor.

Kenyon's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, founded in 1858, is the fourteenth oldest chapter in the United States and the second oldest in Ohio.

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She is a graduate of Grayling High School, and a senior majoring in international studies and Spanish at Kenyon.

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Vikings fall to Gladiators in battle for league title

Grayling finishes 2nd in LMC with 11-3 record

■ **Tuesday night's loss to St. Francis ends 22-game home winning streak**

The GHS varsity boys basketball team finished second in

the Lake Michigan Conference this year, following a loss to Traverse City St. Francis last Tuesday. A victory over the Gladiators would have secured at least a share of the LMC championship for Grayling, but

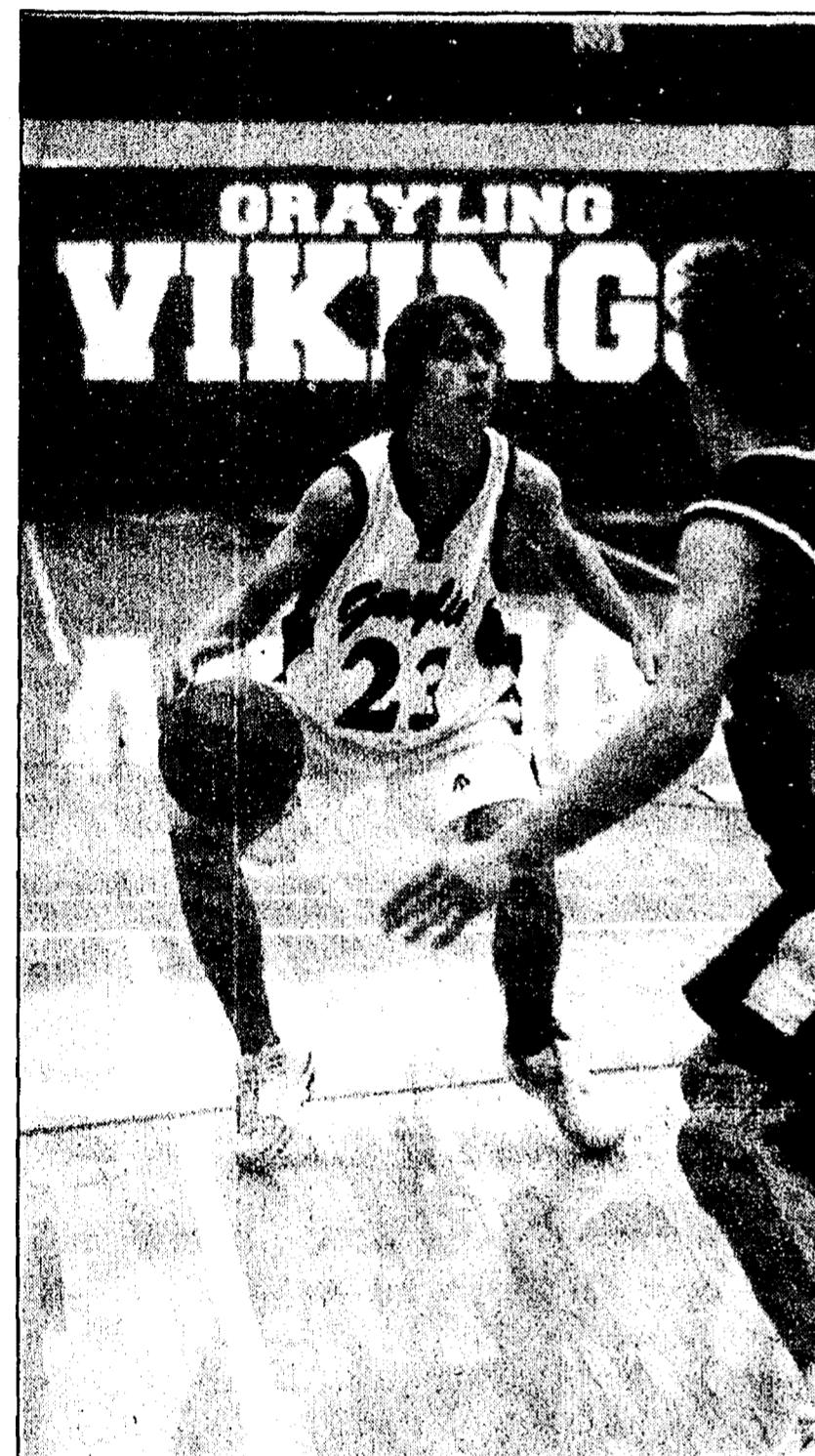
Traverse City St. Francis won the contest 81-48.

The Gladiators started strong and the Vikings trailed from the beginning. TCSF led 24-9 after one quarter, 43-22 after two quarters, and 66-33 after three

periods.

"(Traverse City St. Francis) played outstanding," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Obviously, we didn't bring our 'A' game."

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See "VIKINGS FALL..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Left) Eli VanNuck handles the ball for the Vikings vs. Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday. (Right) Nick Parkinson takes a free throw shot during last week's game against the Gladiators.

JV squad ends season with loss to St. Francis

■ **Basketball team falls to Gladiators 61-42 in season finale on Tuesday**

Gladiators last Tuesday at GHS.

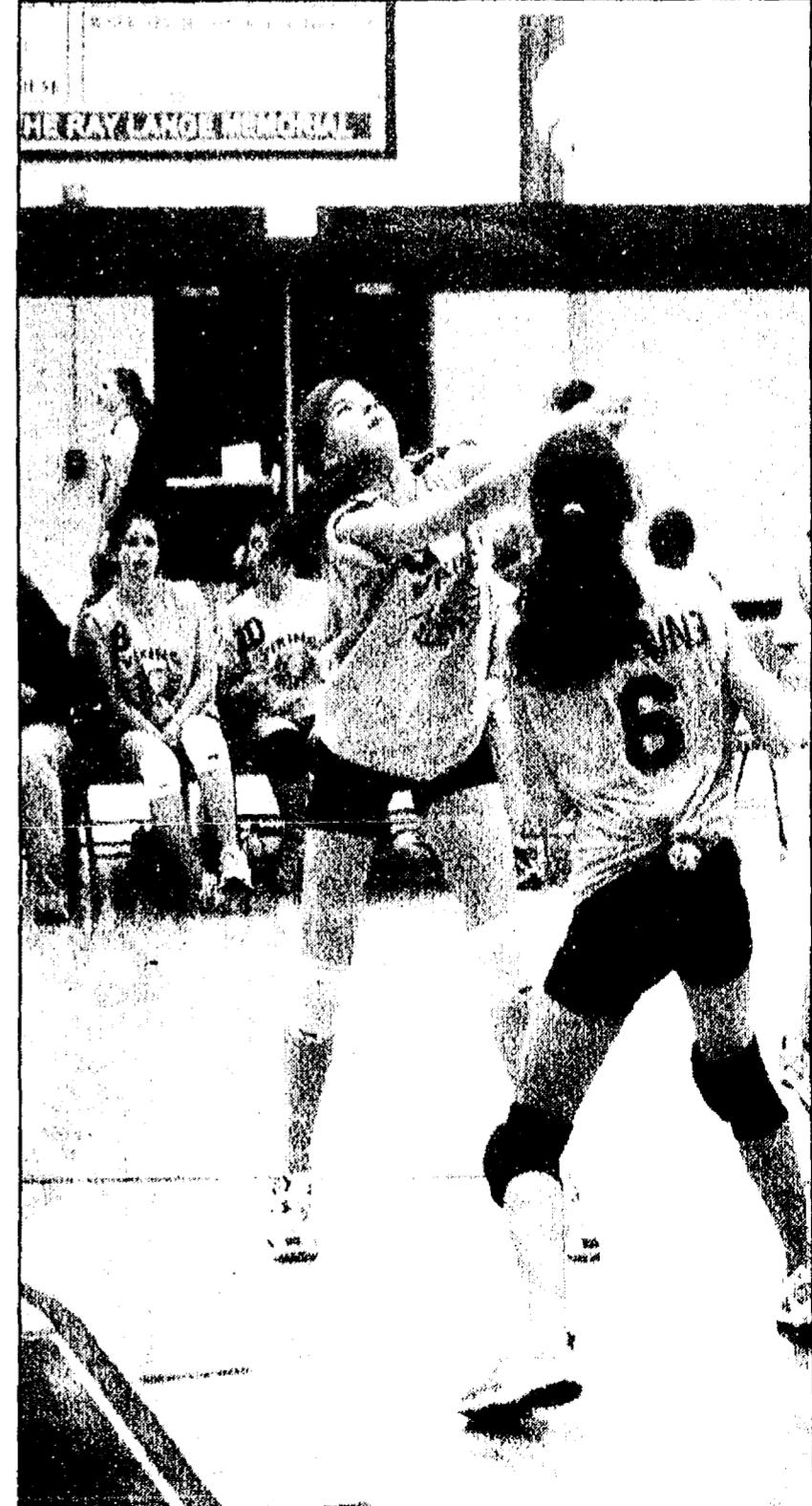
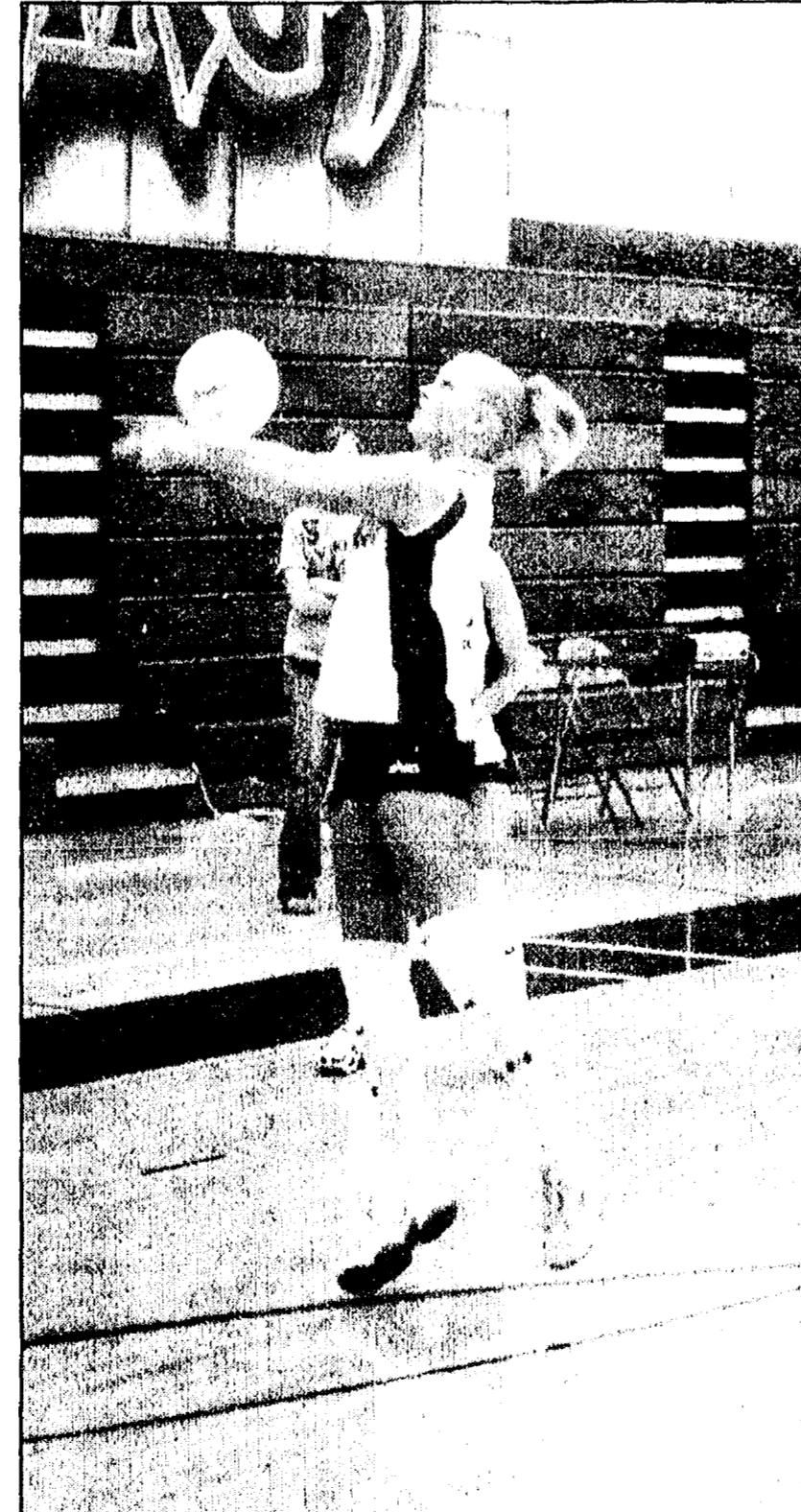
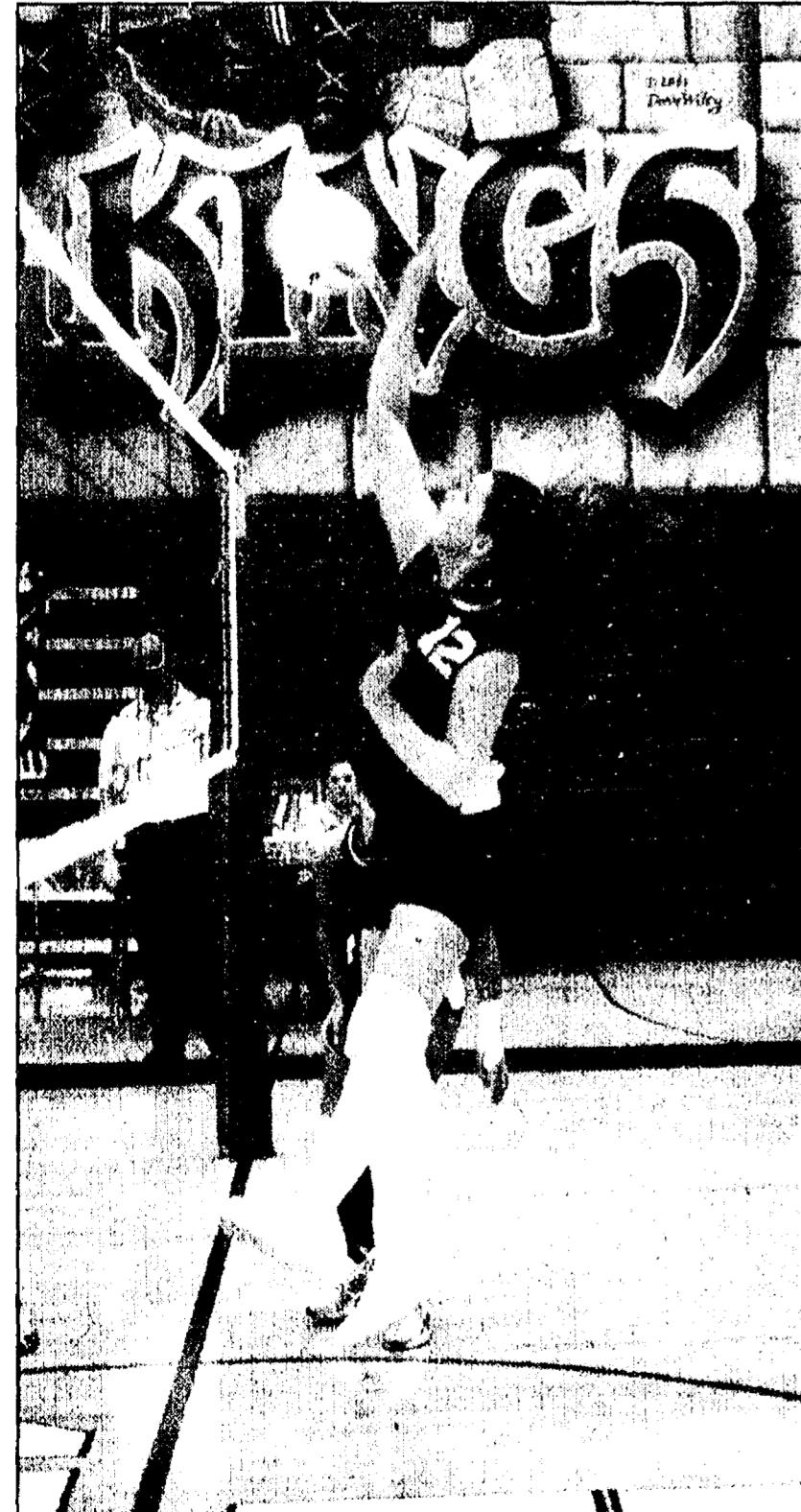
The Gladiators led 17-7 after one quarter and had an eight-point advantage at halftime, 25-17. TCSF led by 12 going into the fourth quarter and won by 19 points.

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See "JV SQUAD ENDS..."



Josh Stapleton drives to the basket for the JV Vikings on Tuesday night.

Volleyball teams finish regular season with meet vs. Blazers



Andrea Southard (left, varsity), Monica Peters (center, junior varsity), and Mollie Golnick (right, freshman) hit the ball for Grayling during last week's volleyball tripleheader vs. the Kalkaska Blazers at Grayling High School. For more on the volleyball teams, see Page 2B.

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Reagan Schmidt (left) and Bobby Starks (right) handle the ball for the Vikings during last Tuesday's game against the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators.

Vikings fall to Gladiators in battle for league title

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Eli VanNuck was the leading scorer for Grayling with 20 points. Ronnie Johnston, Mike Boylan, Steve Hodge, Ryan Feldhauser, Reagan Schmidt, Zach Dean, Jim Boylan, Bobby Starks, and Nick Parkinson also scored points for the Vikings. J. Boylan had a team-high 5 rebounds.

The Vikings finished the 2005-06 regular season with an 11-3 league record and a 17-3 overall record.

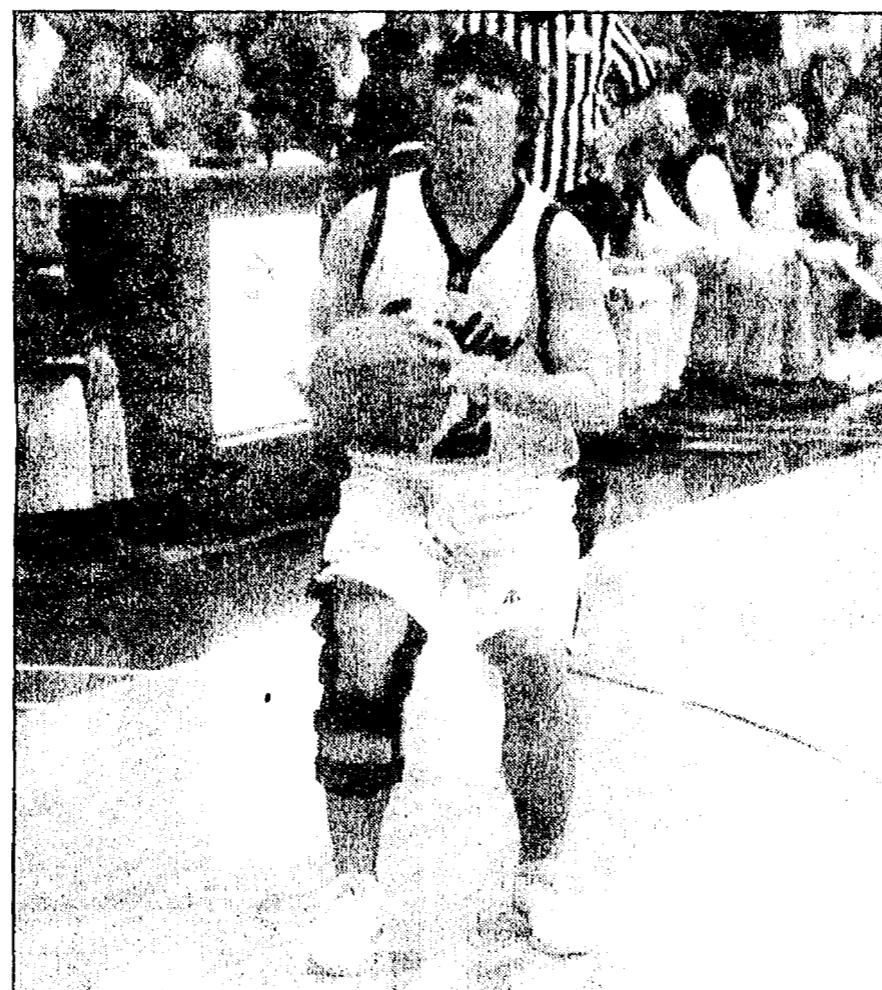
Going into the game, Traverse City's only league loss in conference play was against the Vikings - a game GHS won 58-50 at Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, Jan. 20.

For Grayling, Tuesday night's loss ended a 22-game home winning streak that dates back to the 2003-04 season. The Vikings ended their 2003-04 regular season with a loss to Elk Rapids,

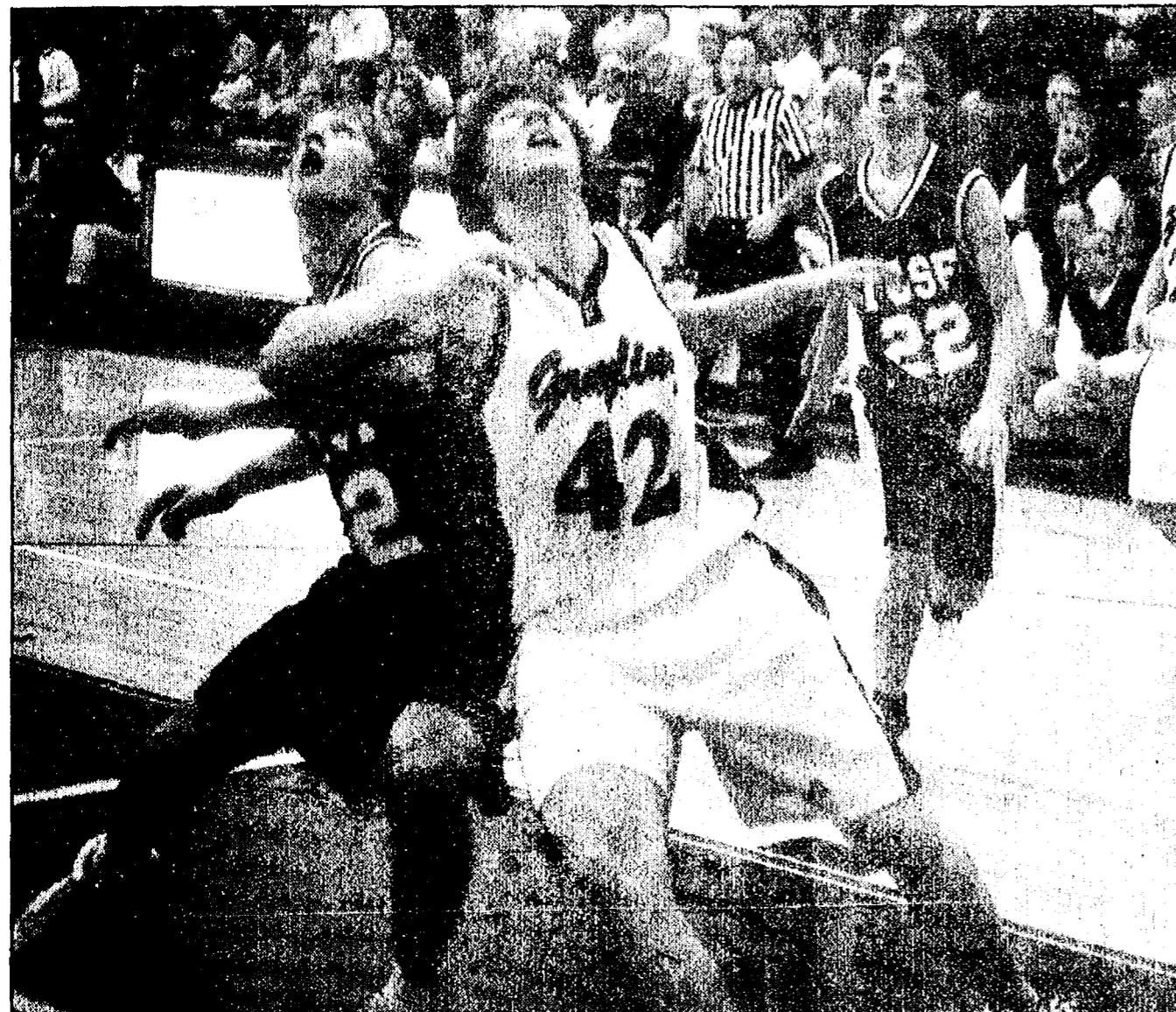
then won three playoff games in their home gym to secure a district championship. In 2004-05, the Vikings won all 10 of their home games and finished with an 18-2 overall record with a league-best 13-1 mark in the Lake Michigan Conference. This year, Grayling won its first nine home games before falling to TCSF in last week's regular season finale.

The Vikings play in districts this week at Cheboygan. On Monday night, Grayling defeated Elk Rapids 72-50 in round one of the district tournament to advance to the semifinals. The Vikings play Kalkaska on Wednesday, March 8, at 6 p.m. at Cheboygan. The district championship game will be played on Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at Cheboygan High School.

For more on districts, see next week's *Crawford County Avalanche*.



Zach Baker looks for an open teammate on Tuesday.



Zach Dean battles for position in the paint on a rebound opportunity.

Hanson Hills hosts Ski For The Groomer race

Twenty skiers competed in Grayling Recreation Authority's annual Ski For The Groomer race - an event that helps raise money for cross country grooming equipment - on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

The results of the race are as

follows (competitor, time):

Ryan Halstead 0:37:10; Jim Harwood 0:38:08; Rodney Halstead 0:39:49; Jim Pryor Jr. 0:39:58; Glenn Goodman 0:40:06; Dennis Alleva 0:40:07; Robin Luce 0:40:24; Mo Harwood 0:43:23; Joe Seifert 0:45:25; Fred Derksen 0:45:50;

Matthew Ashton 0:46:55; Greg Merwin 0:47:10; Linda Weeks 0:48:25; Dave Atkins 0:48:47; Dave Mitchell 0:51:12; Jeff Snyder 0:55:01; Gary Herbers 0:56:36; George Gambert 0:59:25; Peter Block 1:03:29; Paul Gulewich 1:05:08.

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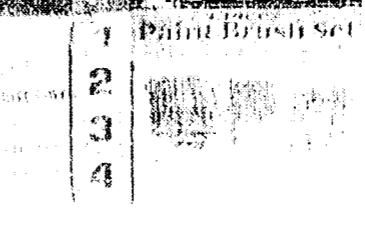
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GRAYLING LITTLE LEAGUE

Grayling Little League will conduct its Player Registration Night on Wednesday, March 15, at the Grayling Holiday Inn from 6-8 p.m. Registration is open to players ages 7 and up for baseball and softball.

The player registration fee of \$25 (family max of \$50) is due at the time of registration as well as a \$20 per player (family max of \$40) fundraising fee. For the fundraising fee, each player will receive two home run cards that can be sold for \$10 each to offset the fee. The home run cards can be used for discounts on purchases and services at local businesses.

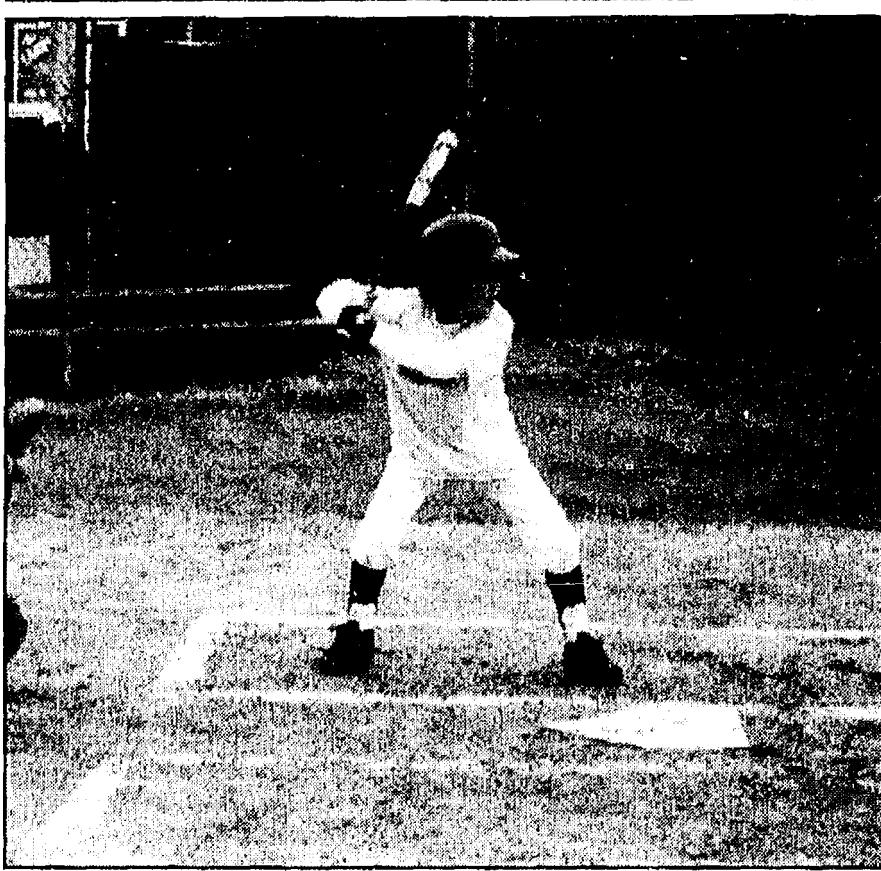
Players attending Registration Night will be eligible to win door prizes (limit one door prize per family). Registration will continue at Sylvester's until April 21.

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This year, Little League International has made changes to the league age guidelines. Starting this year, a player must be league age by April 30. Previously, the cutoff was July 31. The change was made in an attempt to make tournament teams more balanced by closing the age gap. Players who have been registered for at least two years are being "grandfathered" in and the decision to move a player up a division or leave them in a division will be up to the player's parents, but decisions are final once players are assigned a team.

For example, if a player has a May birthday and has been playing little league for four years, according to the old age schedule he would be moving into major league play this season. With the new age change, his parents would be able to retain him in intermediate league play for this season, giving him the chance to gain another year of experience before moving into the major league division.

Some players will choose to move up as originally scheduled and others may opt to stay down a year. Those choosing to stay down a year will gain an extra season of baseball eligibility. The 2006 season will be the only season that moving leagues will be



Photos courtesy of Grayling Little League

Player Registration Night for the 2006 Grayling Little League season will be held on Wednesday, March 15, at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

optional. By next season all players will be following the new age guidelines.

For more information contact Player Agent Dusty Latusek at 348-6488.

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fundraising fee. All T-ball players will get a new shirt, hat, and socks.

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The Grayling Little League Board of Directors began meeting in January to prepare for the upcoming season. The season opens in May and kicks off with the third annual Home Run Derby on Saturday, May 13, at 12 noon.

For more little league information, contact Rich Schreiber, League President, at 348-4148.



Grayling Little League is currently preparing for the 2006 season, which gets under way in May.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Senior Bowling

Spike's	65 - 39	Scheer Motors	7 - 0	Angove, 640; J. Thayer, 616;
Derwich Ind	5 - 2	High Game: P. Benardo Sr., 266;		D. Lawe, 258; D. Walker, 245.
Flowers By Josie	58.5 - 45.5	Grayling Chiropractic	2 - 5	
Kicking Grass	58 - 46	McLeans ACE	0 - 7	
Grayling Pharmacy	54.5 - 49.5	Canfield's	0 - 7	
Stitches By Sue	48 - 56	Moore's Auto	0 - 7	
Bear's Den Pizza	47 - 57	High Series: J. Hunt, 660; Lance		
Lone Pine	45 - 59	Davis, 620; P. Benardo, 580;		
Sylvesters Sports	40 - 64	High Game: Lonnie Davis, 290;		
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 476; M. Ryss, 475; C. Clark, 460. High Game Women: M. Ryss, 175; H. Stairs, 169; C. Clark, 169. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 616; P. Faustman, 607; K. Harris, 589. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 236; K. Harris, 224; P. Faustman, 222.		J. Hunt, 289; Lance Davis, 276,		
American Men's League				
GADCO	7 - 0	Sawmill	24 - 39	New "Kids"
Fenton's Auto Serv.	7 - 0	J. Bar	23 - 40	Lucky & Laura's
		High Series: D. Lawe, 647; A.		IMM
				American Legion
				Double Trouble
				Moshier Auto Repair
				High Series Men: D. Canfield, 613; D. Williamson, 609; C. Hanson, 572. High Game Men:
				D. Canfield, 257; D. Williamson, 245; C. Hanson, 215. High Series Women: T. Hellebuyck, 554; T. Rock, 536; S. Johnson, 486. High Game Women: T. Rock, 216; T. Hellebuyck, 202; S. Johnson, 179.

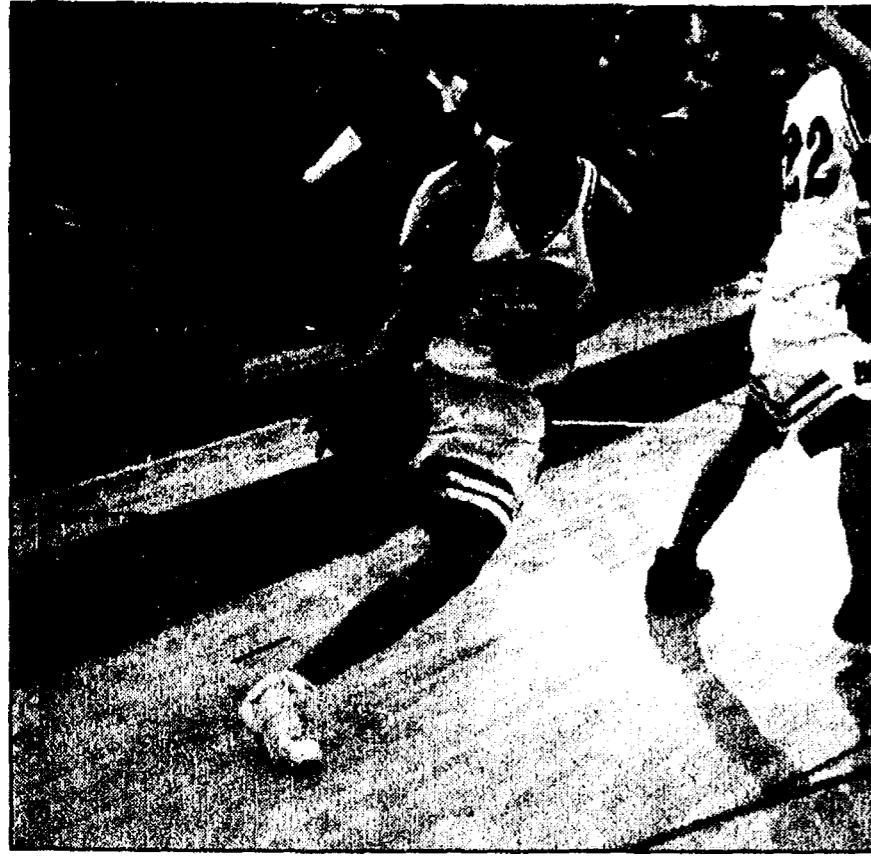
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Frederic Inn	171	(Frederic Inn). 7 Ball Run, Rose
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Legion	123	
Sawmill I	140	



(Left) Jason Drudge controls the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday. (Right) Richard Schreiber drives to the basket for the Vikings vs. Traverse City St. Francis.

JV squad ends season with loss to St. Francis



(Left) Geo Bindschatet takes an inside shot for the Vikings on Tuesday. (Right) Isaac VanNuck handles the ball for Grayling vs. the Gladiators.



Rocky McNamara shoots for Grayling vs. TCSE.

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Richard Schreiber had 11 points and 10 deflections for the Vikings. Jason Drudge had 9 points. Josh Stapleton had 7 points and 8 deflections. Rocky McNamara had 6 points and 6 deflections. Geo Bindschatel, Isaac VanNuck, and Andrew Hulbert also scored points for Grayling.

The JV squad finished the year with a 9-11 overall record.

Leading scorers for the season were Drudge, Schreiber,

Stapleton, and McNamara. Leading rebounders were Matt McDonald and Bindschatel.

Defensively, Schreiber,

Drudge, Stapleton, Ryan

Cooper, and VanNuck led the

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond W. Nelson and Darlene E. Nelson, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank dated the 6th day of August, A.D. 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of May, A.D. 2004, in Liber 668 of Crawford Records, on page 338, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$79,746.35 (Seventy Nine thousand, Seven hundred Forty Six dollars and Thirty Five cents) including interest there on at 11.99% (eleven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of March, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Maple Forest, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Parcel F: Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 34, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Commencing at the West one-quarter of said Section 34, thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds East (along the Section line), 651.1 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 59 degrees 07 minutes East, 155.3 feet; thence South 50 degrees 17 minutes East, 200.8 feet; thence South 35 degrees 54 minutes East, 246.3 feet; thence South 15 degrees 35 minutes West, 125.9 feet; thence South 2 degrees 10 minutes West, 104.2 feet to the South one-eighth line; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 30 seconds West, 384.1 feet to the Section line; thence North 0 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds West, 629.45 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: 6306 Gardenia Trail

Tax ID: 020-034-010-120-00

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 9, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, Michigan 48084
WWR#03918457

-9-16-23-2-9

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Donald R Baker and Debra E Baker, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 22nd day of March, 1998 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 5th day of June, 1998 in Liber 445 of Crawford County Records, page 213, said Mortgage having been assigned to North Central Area Credit Union on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Seven & 91/100 (\$18,307.91), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of April, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.250% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Men's Team

Six Firebirds were in double digits and the score was 109-99, in favor of Kirtland, when the final buzzer rang on the Kirtland men's basketball team's last game of the regular season, an overtime defeat of Lewis College of Business, Detroit.

The game took place Saturday, Feb. 25, at the legendary St. Cecilia's gym in Detroit, and leaves the Firebirds with only post-season play in the NJCAA on their docket.

Tony Brown, a freshman from Battle Creek, netted 24 points in the contest, along with 9 assists. DeMarvelous Carter, a sophomore from Flint, added 19 points and 7 rebounds and was 8 for 10 shooting.

Sal Kabara, who came to Kirtland from the Republic of South Africa by way of Eldon Academy in Petoskey, had 14 points and 6 rebounds, while Ryan Filipiak, of Lapeer, added 8 rebounds.

es, helping numerous players move on to successful university careers in the process. With his far-reaching connections, he has also had an effect on the diversity of the Kirtland campus by being able to recruit student-athletes from all over the world.

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It took an extra five minutes to accomplish it, but the Lumberjacks of Alpena Community College pulled off an avenging win over the Kirtland Firebirds on Saturday, Feb. 18, in Roscommon, racking up 14 points in overtime to win 111-102.

This despite the fact Kirtland's Tony Brown dropped in 30 points during the game that all along looked like it was going to go Kirtland's way.

The matchup between the two northern Michigan teams is always a must-win game for the Firebirds and they defeated Alpena handily less than one month ago. But the Firebirds suffered from numerous missed shots during Saturday's contest and a breakdown in defense, allowing Alpena to stay in the game.

The Lumberjacks dropped in a last-minute basket to tie the score at 97 before the end of regulation play, then went on a scoring run in overtime to clinch their revenge.

Despite the outcome, the Firebirds gave fans during this game - their last at home this season - a taste of the talent that has earned them the No. 8 spot for team offense among National Junior College Athletic Association tournament.

"We really took care of the ball tonight, and had our lowest turnover output at 14 turnovers," Stuck said, noting that the Firebirds also had as much as a 25-point lead over Macomb at one point. "That's a great way for us to head into the tournament."

Lizz Stempki of St. Ignace netted 23 points while shooting 10-for-15 against Macomb. The 5'10" post player added 5 rebounds as well.

Freshman Rena Barnett of LeRoy added 16 points during

Association Division I teams, averaging 90 points per game.

In addition to Brown's team-high point total, Sal Kabara added 27 points, 16 rebounds and 5 steals for Kirtland, placing him 18th in the nation for individual scoring, averaging 20.88 points per game. Brown is in the No. 24 spot among scorers, averaging 20.26 points per game. He is also No. 15 in the nation for assists and added 12 to his total in the Alpena game.

Also in double digits against Alpena were Dave Allison, who recorded 18 points, along with 4 rebounds and 3 assists, and Matt Tompkins with 11 points and 4 rebounds. Brian Suchowesky added 6 rebounds.

Women's Team

Kirtland's Lady Firebirds basketball team capped an up-and-down season on a high point by defeating Macomb Community College 76-68 on Tuesday, Feb. 21, in Warren. The game put an end to regular-season play, but was a bright spot on which to build momentum heading into post-season play in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament.

Head coach Teresa Stuck said she is happy with her team's progress as they work toward the Thursday, March 2, tournament start at Delta College, located near Bay City. The 8 p.m. first-round contest pits Kirtland against St. Clair County CC, a team that narrowly defeated Kirtland twice this season.

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Tuesday's contest - including 4 three-point shots - as well as 8 rebounds and 4 assists. Barnett has an aggressive style of play, but at 5'7", opposing defenses tend to overlook her until it's too late.

Even at 5'6", opposing teams don't tend to miss Emily Henion, a Kirtland freshman from Frederic, who currently is No. 14 in the NJCAA Division II statistics column for assists, averaging 6.07 per game, and who leads the free-throw percentage column at 90 percent. Henion had 14 points against Macomb, along with 8 assists and 5 rebounds.

Freshman Chelsey Williams, of Houghton Lake, a 6'1" post player, is always a presence to be contended with and she added 10 points and 6 rebounds in Kirtland's win over Macomb.

Ashley Andrews, a 5'4" sophomore from West Branch, also had 5 big rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals.

Chelsey Williams dropped in a team-high 18 points and Rena Barnett added 16, including 4 three-point baskets, to help lift Kirtland's Lady Firebirds to a 74-63 win over rival Alpena Community College during the Firebirds' last home game of the season, played at the CRAF Center in Roscommon Saturday, Feb. 18.

After a lackluster start against Alpena, which ended at the half with the score tied at 30, the Firebirds picked up their momentum on both ends of the court and got back into the team-style basketball that has defined their play all season.

Emily Henion was also in double digits, adding 14 points for Kirtland, followed by Natalie Foster with 9, Onica Jones with 6, Ashley Andrews with 4, Lizz Stempki with 3 and Evalyn Bain and Emilee Bruner each with 2.

Log onto the Web at firebirds.kirtland.edu for more information about Firebirds basketball.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Rodney Bardon and Jamesina P Bardon, tenants by entirety, original mortgagors, to NBD Bank, Mortgagor, dated March 18, 1999, and recorded on April 6, 1999 in Liber 478 on Page 248, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$49,308.71), including interest at 7.74% per annum.

amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 29, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, thence South 0 degrees 3 minutes East on Section line, 104 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 3 minutes East, 70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line; thence North 0 degrees 3 minutes West, 70 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

And also, commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, thence South 0 degrees 3 minutes East on Section line, 104 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line; thence North 0 degrees 3 minutes West, 70 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 23, 2006

For more information, please call:

FC G 248.593.1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #082782FO1

-23-2-9-16

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel K. Smith and Christine W. Smith, husband and wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank, FSB, mortgagee, dated February 18, 2000 and recorded on September 1, 2000 in Liber 503, Page 278, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association, f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2000 and amendments thereto As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007-5041

(248) 457-1000

File No. 199.2512

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Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on March 29, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West one-half of the East one-half of the West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Together with right of ingress and egress from Highway M-72 over a strip of land 66 feet wide, lying 33 feet on each side of the North and South one-quarter line of said Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Mobil Home Manufacturer Redman Year 1992 model # 11240842 length 16 width 69

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The Crawford County Road Commission will be holding a Special Meeting March 10, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall.

Purpose for the meeting is to Participate in the Crawford County MTA Chapter meeting and hold discussion regarding the existing local road allocation policy.

CRAWFORD COUNTY FISH HATCHERY STEERING COMMITTEE BOARD POSITIONS

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY STEERING COMMITTEE.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A SINCERE COMMITMENT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY RESTORATION PROJECT. TO HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOWARD THAT SUCCESS OTHER THAN SIMPLY ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND EXPERIENCE WITH FUND RAISING AND, IDEALLY, HAVE GRANT SEEKING ABILITIES.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A COUNTY RESIDENT BUT MUST PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND AID THE WORK OF HISTORICAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS WITHIN THE COUNTY. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2006 AT 3:30 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
FEB. 27, 2006

Crawford County Board of Commissioners
meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 7, 2006 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:
Mon., March 13, 2006 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 16, 2006 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd..

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATIONS	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

NOTICE City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 7th, at 7:00 PM.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Wednesday, March 15th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM; Friday, March 17th, 1:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property within the City of Grayling for 2006, are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Developmental	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989)348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor

WEIGHT RESTRICTION

As of Monday, March 6, 2006 at 8:00 a.m., the Crawford County Road Commission has established seasonal weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standards, which includes load restriction of 35%.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application and enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27:	County line to County Line
County Road 612:	Old 27 (Frederic) East to I-75
Sherman Road:	North County Line to Landfill
North Down River Rd:	Business Loop East to I-75 Ramps

FROST LAWS RESTRICTED ROADS ARE SIGNED AND FROST LAWS ARE BEING ENFORCED.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (989) 348-2281 ext. 25 with any questions regarding restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: Donald A. Babcock, Managing Director
For: Kenneth Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
James Burtch, Commissioner

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW / ZONING BOARD / BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 13, 2006 from 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00, and on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Any correspondence can be sent to 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 or call (989) 348-9215.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.000
Commercial	50.00	1.000
Residential	50.00	1.000
Personal	50.00	1.000

The Budget hearing for the General, Landfill and Liquor Fund Budgets for fiscal year 2006-2007 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. at the town hall on Monday, April 3, 2006.

Fred Schaibly
Lovells Township Supervisor

Grayling Twp. Zoning Board to hold public hearing

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, March 20, 2006, at 7 p.m., at the Grayling Town Hall to consider the following requests:

Case No.	06-04
Petitioner	Darrell Terbrack 4621 Ashland Drive Saginaw, MI 48638
Location	1706 Holtcamp Lane Grayling, MI 49738
Prop. ID#	T26N, R4W, Section 10
Lot Size:	040-45-880-00-050-00
Zoning:	Approximately 90' X 255' (60,000 s.f.) General Residential (R-2)

Request To move an existing 24' X 24' detached garage to within four-feet of the rear (west) property line, requiring a first variance of 36-feet, and six-feet from the side (north) property line, requiring a second variance of four-feet. This move is to allow construction of a residential addition requiring no variances. The garage currently is in the place of the proposed addition.

Case No.	06-04
Petitioner	Edwin and Kirsten Walicki PO Box 1205 Novi, MI 48376
Location	3827 Grove St. Grayling, MI 49738
Prop. ID#	T26N, R2W, Section 3
Lot Size:	040-40-003-16-140-00
Zoning:	Approximately 100' X 365' (36,000 s.f.) Natural River District (NRD)

Request To remove an existing, damaged, residential structure and construct a new home 32-feet, 4-inches (including an 8-foot, 4-inch rise in bank) from the mainstream of the AuSable River, requiring a first variance of 167-feet, 8-inches. New home construction will be no closer to the river than the previous structure. The second and third variances are to build within 16-feet of the east and west property lines, requiring variances of 24-feet on each side

Case No.	06-06
Petitioner	Todd Bidwell (Monty and Janice Bidwell, owners) 105 North Park Drive Grayling, MI 49738
Location	Ausable Trail Grayling, MI 49738
Prop. ID#	T26N, R4W, Section 11
Lot size:	040-42-011-04-040-01
Zoning:	Approximately 164' X 589' (96,596 s.f.) Natural River District (NRD)

Request To construct a deck on the river side of the residence to within 105-feet of AuSable River Mainstream, requiring a 95-foot variance. Deck will be 8-feet by 48-feet across in front of home. A variance for the home was granted in 2005, but home has not been built yet.

Text of zoning requests and zoning maps are available for review at the Grayling Township Hall, located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, during normal business hours.

Persons wishing to, may comment in person at the hearing, or send a signed statement to: Terry Wright Zoning Administrator, PO Box 521; Grayling, MI 49738

Terry Wright Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE LAND OWNERS USING CAMERON BRIDGE ROAD FOR PROPERTY ACCESS

The Frederic Township Board will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 PM on March 13, 2006 at the Township Hall, 7564 County Road 612, Frederic, MI to consider the establishment of a special assessment district for the paving of segments of Cameron Bridge Road from its intersection with Kolka Creek Road to its intersection with Dickinson Road.

This will be the second of two public hearings held under PA 188 of 1954 that are required prior to establishing a special assessment. The purpose of this hearing will be for the board to determine which of three project proposals to implement and a subsequent determination as to how the costs of the chosen project is to be spread. Please plan to attend the hearing to register your comments or send a signed statement to:

Frederic Township
ATTN: Supervisor
P.O. Box 78
Frederic, MI 49733

Preliminary plans, district maps, and cost estimates are on file at the Township Hall.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

Beaver Creek Township 2006 Board of Review Notice and Meeting Schedule

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review for 2006 will be held at the:

Beaver Creek Township Office
8888 S. Grayling Road
Grayling, MI 49738

Tuesday, March 7, 2006 7:00 P.M.
Organizational Meeting

Appeal Hearings:
Monday, March 13, 2006,
9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon & 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 16, 2006,
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2006 assessments.

Property owners may protest by mail, provided protest letter is received at the township office prior to March 16, 2006.

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven (7) days notice.
Contact: Lee Riley at the Beaver Creek Township Office
Phone 989-275-8878 Fax 989-275-9965
bcv@freeway.net

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

March 10, 1983

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Committee is negotiating with an area trout farm to lease 15,000 fish at the beginning of the summer. They feed the fish during the summer, and then give the fish back to the trout farm in the fall.

Construction of a \$2.2 million logistical support facility should begin late this spring Camp Grayling officials announced. The approximately 100,000 sq-ft. building will be the largest at the camp and will be located off Howe and Eighth Rd. toward the west end of the camp. The logistical support facility is the latest in a series of new construction projects at the camp.

It was a formidable task. A high school cast of six, half of them freshmen, acting in a play about growing old. Freshman Kathy Allen, played the part of Ethel Thayer and Tim Taylor played the part of Norman Thayer. If that wasn't hard enough, they also have to compete against memories of great performances by Henry Fonda, Katherine Hepburn, and Jane Fonda who played in the movie "On Golden Pond." In the end, the youth handled old age and the six received a standing ovation.

John Solominson, a GHS senior became the 2nd wrestler in GHS history to win a state crown,

helping his team to a fifth place finish, by capturing the state title at 167 lbs. in his last wrestling match as a Viking.

The Grayling volleyballers couldn't get by league foe Roger's City in the first round of districts in Kalkaska. The loss came after the winningest season in GHS volleyball history.

Jack B. Hull, of Grayling, has been named new manager of Chief Shoppenagons Hotel by owners Theron and Alice White to replace retiring Arnold J. Maurene.

The Think Spring Special at A&W was a foot long coney for 99¢.

Mr. Hayes' fourth grade class took a tour of the Crawford County Jail. One student, Nikki Morrill had her fingerprints taken while she was there.

46 Years Ago

March 10, 1960

Free, 16 oz. frosted glasses with a Mackinac Bridge or Hartwick Pines scene, is available with every 10 gallon purchase of gas from your local Leonard dealer, available at Grayling Oil Company. US-27 North.

Almost 400 teenagers were in attendance last month at the Grayling Bowhunters Teen Dance Party. The opening is set for March 18.

A congregation of ten fellows making up two bowling teams headed to Battle Creek to participate in the State Bowling

Tournament. The two teams consisted of: Dr. Jack Cook, Dr. Ralph Hoffman, Lyle Billsby, Jim Kolka, Bud Smith, Glenn Sawyer, Phil Payment, George Quinn, Al Moore, and George Morrison.

A chain saw clinic will be held by a factory representative who will demonstrate proper sharpening and maintenance of the chain saw. A new chain saw will be given away as a door prize. This will be held at Weaver's Marine Sales and Service, M-93 at Lake Margrethe.

Bud Stephan and Howard Shelley made a trip from Wakeley Bridge to Parmalee Bridge, motoring back up to McMaster's Bridge. Film was taken, including sequences on deer, ducks, river ice, and river winter scenes. This film will be shown on WWJ-TV at 7 p.m.

69 Years Ago

March 11, 1937

The Grayling Fish Hatchery is minus a garage, but the new hatchery building still stands. Fire broke out in the garage and its contents were entirely consumed. It is the opinion of Fire Chief Oliver Cody that the fire started from a stove.

Mrs. Maude Hanson is announcing the opening of the Maureen Shoppe, which will be located in the Kraus building. The opening is set for March 18.

The Hanson Cafe has been thoroughly overhauled and looks spic and span with its new paint job and general re-arrangement of furniture and equipment.

For selling more tuberculosis Christmas seals per capita than any other rural school enrollment in Crawford County, children at the Feldhauser School this week were awarded a fascinating game called "Little America," by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association.

Not many of the Maple Forest bus children went to school on Friday of last week because of the basketball tournament held at Gaylord.

Miss Yvonne LaGrow is the new clerk at the Grayling Bakery.

92 Years Ago

March 12, 1914

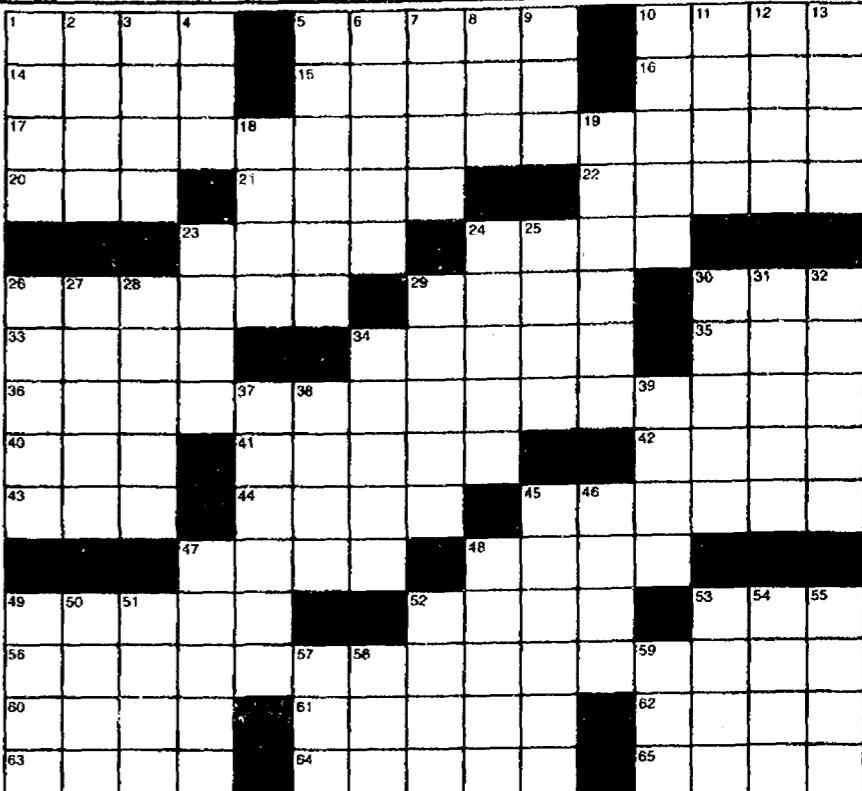
Miss Minnie Kraus is the new milliner apprentice at the Crawley Millinery store.

Seth Chappel is the new express delivery man, having resigned his position at the Slade Meat Market.

Miss Johanna Hendrickson resigned her position at the post office after five years of steady work. She is succeeded by Miss Nellie Hoyt, of Gaylord, who is well known here, having taught in our schools and having assisted Mr. Bates in the post office some years ago.

The seniors were entertained with a sleigh ride and supper at the military reservation, with Miss Helen Bauman being the hostess. Two sleigh loads with Bradley's orchestra, went out there and dancing was the amusement of the evening.

CROSSWORD



- Across
 1. Short, dramatic presentation.
 5. Series of plays a team puts together in an attempt to score.
 10. Feature of a car stereo in which the radio will find a requested station.
 14. African falcon of genus Avicida.
 15. Characteristic of tanning.
 16. Connect graph with no circuits.
 17. Without the due formalities.
 20. Exclamation.
 21. Seaport in Yemen.
 22. Hollow with the sign of the cross.
 23. Character indicating a relation between quantities.
 24. Name given to Celtic inhabitant of Scotland, Ireland and the Isle of Man.
 25. Breath cut.
 26. Large, usually enclosed shopping area.
 30. Studio ___ one of the first anthology TV programs.
 33. Aquatic fowl of the genus Anas.
 34. Caravansay in eastern countries.
 35. Outer circular edge of a wheel to which the tire is attached.
 36. Not given to open expression of emotion.
 40. Meet John ___ 1941 film starring Gary Cooper.
 41. Cause to be embarrassed.
 42. Advance to the ___ 1964 film starring Glenn Ford.
 43. Entity.
 44. Ellen DeGeneres in Finding Nemo.
 45. Umbrella.
 47. Production shut down.
 48. Verbalization that encourages one to attempt something.
 49. Genetically identical organism.
 52. Exit the cave.
 53. Large Japanese carp.
 56. Doctrine that the highest moral obligation is to improve human welfare.
 60. Opposed to.
 61. Who ___ Wins 1982 film starring Lewis Collins.
 62. ___ podrida, stew of highly seasoned meat and vegetables.
 63. Anatomical network, as of veins, arteries or nerves.
 64. Round.
 65. Ordinance, especially one in force in Anglo-Saxon England.
 Down
 1. Aka boatswain.
 2. ___ Diamond, singer and songwriter.
 3. Strong urge to do something.

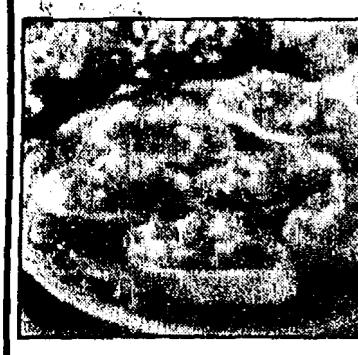
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Bruschetta with Fresh Tomatoes & Basil Recipe

1 1/2 lbs ripe juicy tomatoes
 1 Loaf of Italian bread
 1 Whole garlic clove minced
 1/4 cup loosely packed fresh oregano or fresh basil
 salt and pepper to taste (optional)
 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Slice Italian bread into slender slices. Spread olive oil on top of bread slices. Place bread slices in oven for 5-10 minutes or until lightly browned. While bread is toasting, rinse and dry ripe tomatoes. Slice tomatoes and place in bowl. Add garlic, basil and olive oil to tomatoes and mix together. Season with salt and pepper. Place bread slices equally apart on a large serving platter and spoon tomato mixture over each bread slice. Sprinkle additional basil over the top and serve.



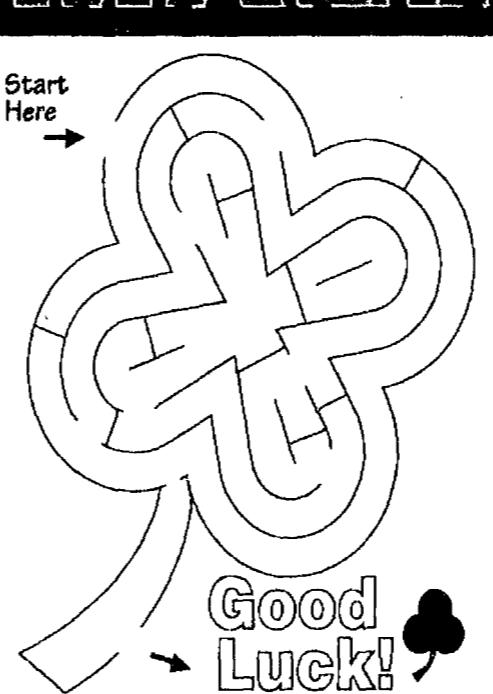
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FIND THE TWINS
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

DID YOU KNOW ??

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

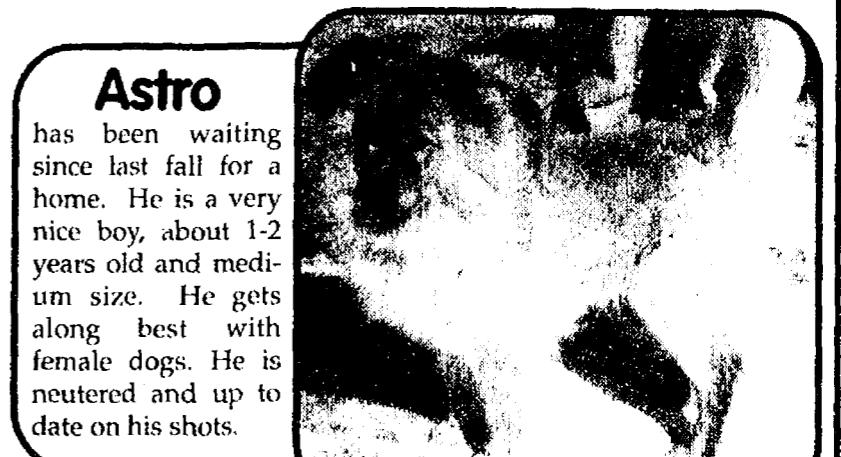
MAZE



ADOPT A PET



Karma is a sweet girl, about a year old and on the medium size. She loves her toys! She is spayed, up to date on her shots and leukemia tested negative.



Astro

has been waiting since last fall for a home. He is a very nice boy, about 1-2 years old and medium size. He gets along best with female dogs. He is neutered and up to date on his shots.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
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Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

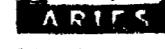
HOBOSCOPES

For the Week of March 9, 2006

CAPRICORN
The momentum is building to simplify life. Capricorn. Proceed with caution. You don't want to go overboard and have regrets later. A new design is unveiled at work.

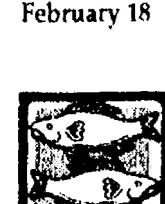


Will wonders never cease, Aries? Favors of long ago are finally returned and fortune smiles on you like never before. A cheeky retort starts the weekend off right.



March 21-April 19

AQUARIUS
Pick, pick, pick. Aquarius. That's all you seem to do lately. Be careful what you say and to whom, or you could wind up losing a valuable relationship.



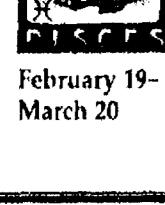
January 20-February 18

Past follies pervade home improvement plans. Don't let them get to you, Taurus. You know exactly what needs to be done and you have the right skills.



April 20-May 20

PISCES
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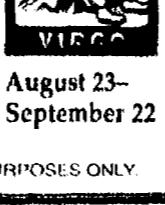
February 19-March 20

CANCER
Can it, Cancer. Nothing you say or do is going to get through to a young relative. Take yourself out of the equation and let nature take its course.



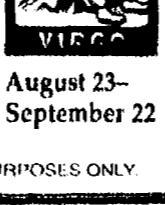
June 22-July 22

LEO
Political concerns provide reason for reflection. Find out what you can do to help, Leo, and take action. An earful of unwanted advice heats up the table of discussion at work.



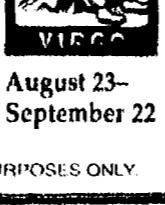
August 23-August 22

LIBRA
Who knew, Virgo? Your fervor to succeed is all it takes to get the team motivated and the job out of the door. Invite everyone out to celebrate.



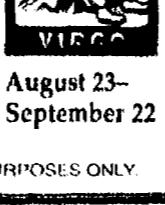
September 23-October 22

SCORPIO
Tsk-tsk, Scorpio. The longer you procrastinate, the worse it is going to become. Step up to the plate and get busy. A rumor proves to be true.



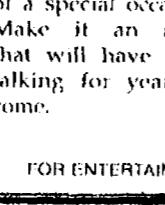
October 23-November 22

SAGITTARIUS
The to-do list at home is getting longer by the minute. Sagittarius. Take time out to attack it and tie up loose ends. A note from a neighbor piques your curiosity.



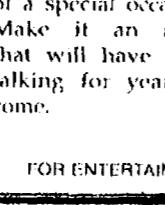
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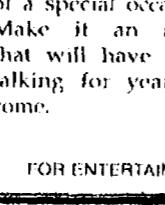
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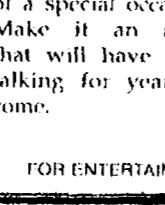
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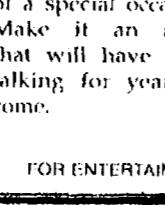
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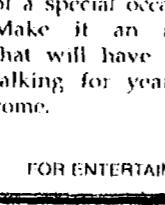
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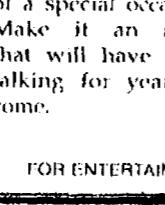
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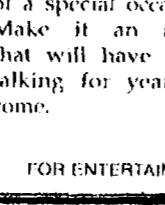
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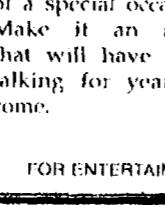
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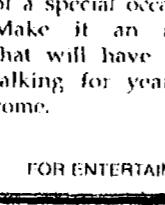
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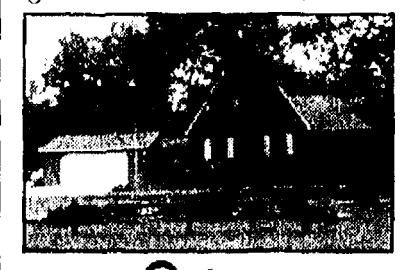
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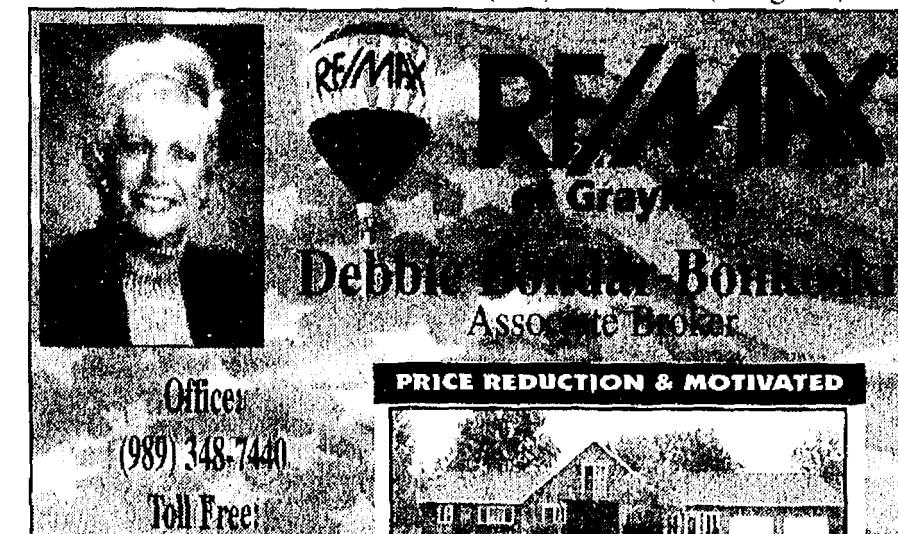
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FOR SALE BY OWNER 2 bedroom, one bath, home close to town. Perfect home for retired couple or family just starting out. New windows and roof, plus one new addition. Located at 608 Ogemaw Street. Asking price \$59,800. For more information call 348-7703. (-9/1)

2a. Wanted To Rent

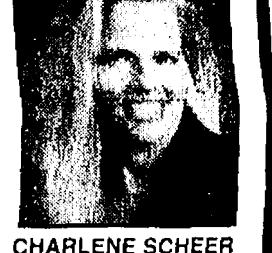
LOOKING TO RENT a 3 bedroom home with finished basement or 4 bedroom home. Location is Grayling or Roscommon area. Call Lisa or Tim at 344-0076. (-2-9/2a)

2. For Rent

NEWLY RENOVATED 2 bedroom house in town. \$575/month, security deposit required, references, no pets. 248-246-7950. (-2-2-9/2)

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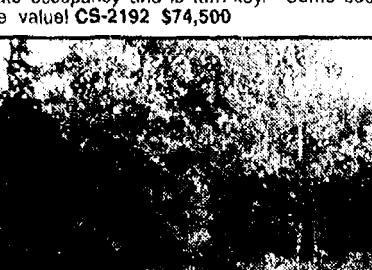
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100' FRONTAGE ON "HOLY WATERS" AUSSABLE RIVER. Prime frontage w/excellent views, island in river, feeder stream on side. 1,145 s.f., 4 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, 280 s.f. walk-out basement, three season room, side porch, two sliding doorways. New roof, siding, vinyl windows, and boiler. Blacktop, paved, road end street. Two car heated garage, concrete drive, 10x24 workshop and dock in river. CH-2100 \$199,500

10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARWOODS. This rolling terrain is full of wildlife and is close to state land. Electricity is at road and the access road is blacktop. CS-2217 \$32,000



DESIGNED WITH DISTINCTION. This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home has many features. Kitchen offers Hickory cabinets, 2 Lary Sussans and pantry. Top of the line appliances and Neptune washer and dryer to stay. Large laundry room with folding counter. Dining room offers wet bar and snack bar. Living room offers a gas fireplace and large family room. Large breezeway off garage with 1/2 bath. CS-2218 \$169,900

THE PERFECT FIRST INVESTMENT. This 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers new cedar siding, new carpet, new windows, new wiring, insulation and drywall. New dish washer plumbed but not hooked up. New Corian counter tops and sink. New cherry kitchen cabinets. Newer furnace. Gas fireplace in living room. Immediate occupancy. CS-2114 \$79,500

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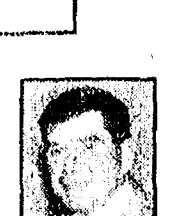
Great home on a beautiful wooded 2 acre parcel and 348 feet of May Lake Frontage. Home has walk-in closets in all 3 bedrooms, master suite has its own private bath. Attached 2 car garage. Property is manicured and landscaped naturally. \$98,500 #5352

Adjacent to thousands of acres of State land, this 1,458 sq. ft. Salt Box home with full finished basement, has 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large covered porch, 30x21 garage plus old fashioned barn situated on 2.84 acres. #5581 \$115,900

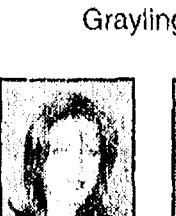
Excellent location steps from Lake Margrethe. Great spot to build a place for year round fun. Close to public access and snowmobile trails. \$19,000 #5626 Parcel D

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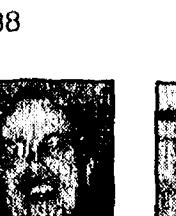
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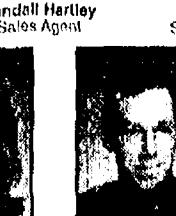
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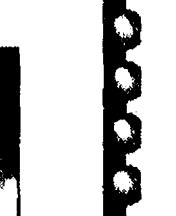
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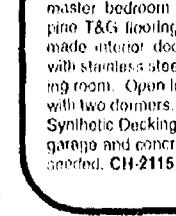
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TWO BEDROOM MOBILE for rent. \$450 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04tf/2)

2. For Rent

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2 For Rent

VACATION HOME Punta Gorda, Florida. 3/3, canal front, newly remodeled, fully furnished, pool, enclosed lanai. \$800/wk; \$3,000/mo. First/last plus security. No pets, non-smoking, references required. Contact 989-348-6141 or 989-348-8497. (2/23/06tf/2)

FURNISHED small 1 1/2 bedroom cottage with garage. Convenient to Roscommon or Grayling. \$500 a month, first and last months rent, credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-9/2)

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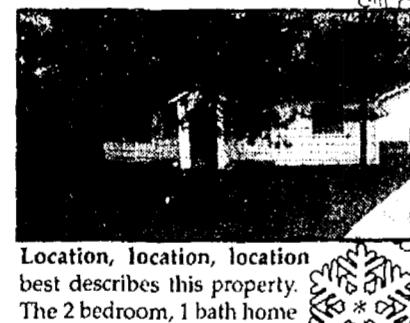
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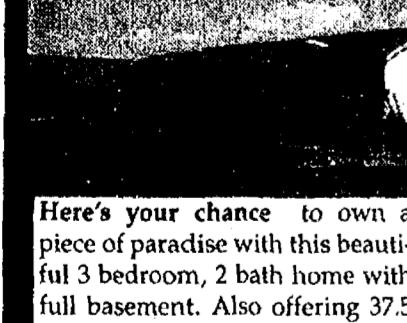
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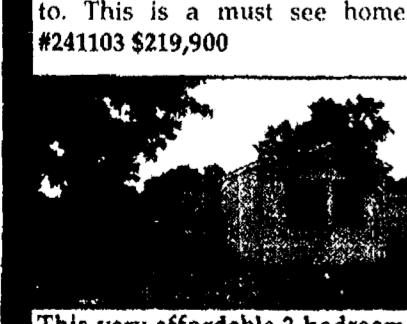
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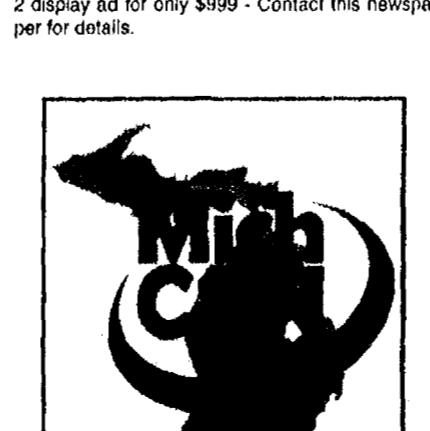
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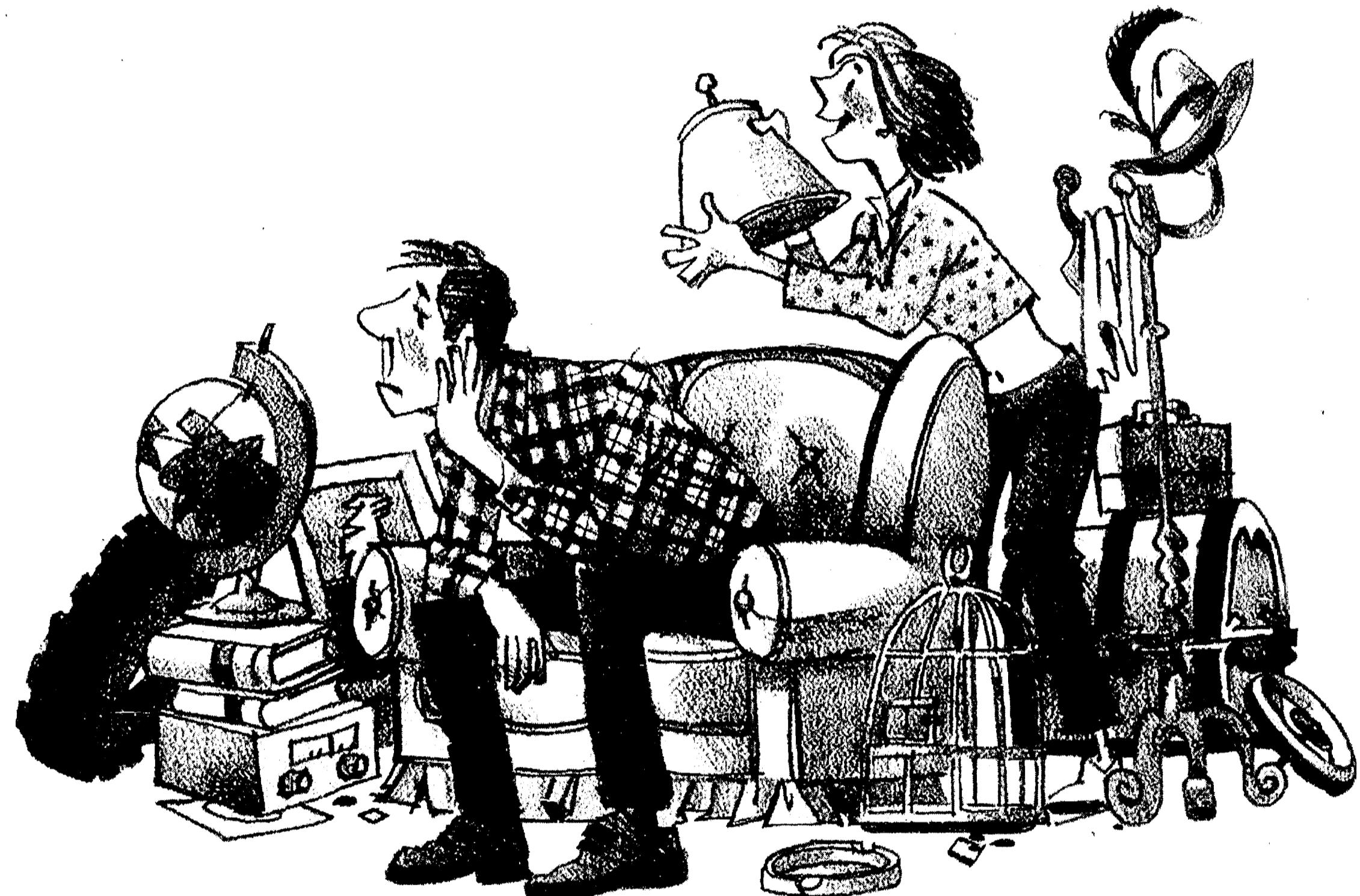
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